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Preventive medicine

Progress slow on goal of lifelong digital medical records for vets

By LEO SHANE III
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Army veteran Travis Fugate might still be able to see today if a paperwork nightmare hadn't led his doctors to skip a preventive surgery on his sinuses.

Fugate, whose face was severely damaged in a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad in May 2005, underwent numerous surgeries at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to save the vision in his left eye. After more than a year there, he returned home to Kentucky, with instructions from Army doctors to have sinus repair work done by the Lexington Veterans Affairs hospital.

"But when I consulted the doctor there, he couldn't find any written directive, or any records of what had been done," Fugate said. "They ordered new X-rays, and saw a lot of damage, a lot of surgeries ... but didn't know what else to do. So they said we'd wait and see if problems developed."

They did.

About two years after that visit, Fugate, 25, developed a sinus infection, and within days he lost the remaining vision in his good eye. When local surgeons couldn't help, he rushed back to Walter Reed, where they repaired his damaged sinuses but could not restore his sight.

"After I lost my right eye, I was legally blind, but I still had a good amount of useable vision," the former Army specialist said. "I could read large print. I could see colors. I could see my family. I could see them smile."

"It's frustrating to think that this was something that could have been prevented, if there weren't mistakes with my medical records."

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and Afghanistan
Veterans of America

'The terminal disease of bureaucracy'

In April, officials from the Department of Defense, Veterans Affairs and the White House promised a new push to assemble lifelong electronic medical records for all servicemembers and veterans. The goal is to chronicle an individual's entire medical history — from enlistment to any elderly veteran health care services — in a format that defense clinics, VA physicians and private hospitals can easily access.

But last week, lawmakers on Capitol Hill lamented the slow progress on simply getting the two departments to share medical files — something they've been trying to do for more than a decade.

Members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee said the departments are likely to miss basic interoperability standards set for September, and bureaucratic confusion could keep the project — and the lifelong medical records — shelved for years to come.

"This is not a technical problem; it's a bureaucratic one," said Rep. Brian Bilbray, R-Calif. "The people in control are culturally illiterate when it comes to technology. And there's the terminal disease of bureaucracy, and people protecting their turf."

Jerry Manar, deputy Director of the Veterans of Foreign War's National Veterans Service, said it's a problem they've been tracking for years.

"You know that final scene from 'Raiders of the Lost Ark,' where they walk the ark into a warehouse and there's rows and rows and rows of crates? That's the claim file wing inside a VA regional office," Manar said.

The VA and Pentagon currently share the partial medical histories of about 3.3 million patients, up from just a few thousand two years ago.

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Iraq puts new limits on troops

Movement restrictions raise safety concerns

By ERNESTO LONDONO
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The Washington Post

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government has moved to sharply restrict the movement and activities of U.S. forces in a new reading of a six-month-old U.S.-Iraqi security agreement that has startled American commanders and raised concerns about the safety of their troops.

In a curt missive issued by the Baghdad Operations Command on July 2 — the day after Iraqis celebrated the withdrawal of U.S. troops to bases outside city centers — Iraq's top commanders told their U.S. counterparts to "stop all joint patrols" in Baghdad. It said U.S. resupply convoys could travel only at night and ordered the Americans to "notify us immediately of any violations of the agreement."

The strict application of the agreement coincides with what U.S. military officials in Washington say has been an escalation of attacks against their forces by Iranian-backed Shiite extremist groups, to which they have been unable to fully respond.

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Maj. Jennifer Grieves

First female pilot of Marine One finishes tour

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—Jerry Manar, deputy director of the Veterans of Foreign War's National Veterans Service, speaking about problems digitizing medical records

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Iraq arrests suspects in attack on U.S. base

By HAMID AHMED
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi authorities have arrested a member of an alleged Iranian-backed militia suspected in an attack that killed three U.S. soldiers in southern Iraq, police said Saturday.

Meanwhile to the west of Baghdad, a bomb killed three people, including the son of a tribal leader.

Maj. Gen. Adil Daham, chief of the Basra provincial police, said the militiaman confessed early Saturday to the attack on a U.S. base near the airport. The soldiers were killed Thursday night in a rocket attack, the U.S. military said, in a rare assault on troops in the comparatively quiet south.

During a search of the house where the suspect and an aide were arrested, Iraqi officials say they seized four Iranian-made rockets and documents listing names of officials to be targeted.

U.S. military commanders believe some Shiite militias have received funds and training from

Iran, which denies the charge.

On Saturday, a bomb struck the vehicle of Sheikh Naeim Salih al-Halbosi, a Sunni tribal leader, as he was leaving his house near Fallujah, a former insurgent stronghold west of the capital, police said.

Al-Halbosi survived with shrapnel wounds, but his son and two bodyguards were killed, an officer said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Al-Halbosi is a member of a tribal council cooperating with the Shiite-led government on security in the Fallujah region that has helped dramatically reduce insurgent activity in the area.

Also Saturday, government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the Iraqi Cabinet approved a measure to confiscate the assets of the family of toppled dictator Saddam Hussein and 52 former close aides who had used their powers to take over or misuse public properties or funds. Parliament must also approve the bill.



NABIL JURANI/AP

Iraqi police stand guard Saturday over two men who are alleged to have links to an attack on a U.S. military base that killed three soldiers near Basra, Iraq's second-largest city, 340 miles southeast of Baghdad. Officials said four Iranian-made rockets also were seized.

Restrictions: Guidelines on self-defense still lack clarity

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If extremists realize "some of the limitations that we have, that's a vulnerability they could use against us," a senior U.S. military intelligence official said.

Clarification

Due to incomplete information provided to Stars and Stripes, a July 4 story about state and federal tobacco tax increases affecting Army and Air Force Exchange Service and Navy Exchange prices should have stated that commands can set state-side prices within a range based on prices in the local community. The range starts from 5 percent below the lowest local community price up to the actual lowest community price.

"The fact is that some of these are very politically sensitive targets" thought to be close to the Shiite-dominated Iraqi government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

Several U.S. officials agreed to discuss relations with the Iraqi government and military only on the condition of anonymity.

The new guidelines are a reflection of rising tensions between the two governments. Iraqi leaders increasingly see the agreement as an opportunity to show their citizens that they are now unequivocally in charge and that their dependence on the U.S. military is minimal and waning.

U.S. commanders have described the pullout from cities as a transition from combat to stability operations. But they have kept several combat battalions assigned to urban areas and hoped those troops would remain deeply engaged in training Iraqi security forces, meeting with paid informants, attending local council meetings and supervising

U.S.-funded civic and reconstruction projects.

The Americans have been taken aback by the new restrictions on their activities. The Iraqi order runs "contrary to the spirit and practice of our last several months of operations," Maj. Gen. Daniel Bolger, commander of the Baghdad division, wrote in an e-mail obtained by The Washington Post.

"Maybe something was 'lost in translation,'" Bolger wrote. He said U.S. troops intend to engage in combat operations in urban areas to avert or respond to threats, with or without help from the Iraqis.

U.S. commanders have not publicly described in detail how they interpret the agreement's vaguely worded provision that gives them the right to self-defense. The issue has bedeviled them because commanders are concerned that responding quickly and forcefully to threats could embarrass the Iraqi government and prompt allegations of agree-

ment violations.

One U.S. military official here said both Iraqi and American leaders on the ground remain confused about the guidelines. The official said he worries that the lack of clarity could trigger stalemates and confrontations between Iraqis and Americans.

"We still lack a common understanding and way forward at all levels regarding those types of situations," he said, referring to self-defense protocols and the type of missions that Americans cannot conduct unilaterally.

In recent days, he said, senior U.S. commanders have lowered their expectations.

"I think our commanders are starting to back off the notion that we will continue to execute combined operations whether the Iraqi army welcomes us with open arms or not," the U.S. commander said. "However, we are still very interested in and concerned about our ability to quickly and effectively act in response to terrorist threats" against U.S. forces.

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Records: Military, VA still suffer from file gap

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But the records are still riddled with significant gaps: Only about 34,000 patients have active pharmacy records and fewer than 200 have recent radiology records.

During a committee hearing last week, Rep. Tim Waltz, D-Minn., himself a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, said he was encouraged by the recent progress but noted that "at the current rate, we're not going to have all the veterans in the system for 70 years."

The Pentagon has provided nearly 230 million medical files to the VA, but they're a loose collection of pharmacy reports, lab results and health assessments. They don't provide a full medical history for most troops leaving the service.

At least part of the problem is the Defense Department's own medical records. Mary Ann Rockey, deputy chief information officer for the Military Health System, said only about half of their patients have fully digitized records.

The histories of the rest are confined to paper records, copied and passed around as patients move from doctor to doctor.

That was part of Fugate's disaster: One day, when his Lexington VA physicians did receive partial medical records from Walter Reed, "the file was a huge binder so thick you could knock someone over with it," Fugate said.

"The doctor went through it and told me there wasn't anything useful in there. If there was, I don't know how anyone could find it."

Sharing information

What Fugate's doctors had hoped for was a full, online record, detailing what surgeries he had faced and clearly outlining what medical complications could occur.

Tom Tarantino, legislative associate with the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, said within the VA's health system, veterans can get their records sent from one clinic to the next. When he transferred his veteran medical records from one VA clinic to a private practice across the country a few years ago, "the whole process took only about five minutes."

Rockey said the Military Health System has also made dramatic improvements in that area over the last three years, now allowing military doctors to access records like details of surgeries that happened in a combat zone and lists of medications wounded troops received over their entire recovery.

But getting those separate systems to coordinate is difficult. Representatives from both departments told lawmakers that not all of that information is available at every VA medical center, and military doctors in turn have trouble attaching notes and critical details to patients' records that outside physicians will be able to use.

Often it depends on a degree of luck; in many places staff still aren't familiar with how to access the system or view the information. Rear Adm. Gregory Timberlake, acting director of the departments' Interagency Program Office, said his office was established in April 2008 to create a common ground for that information sharing, and to develop standards for how medical data will be recorded and filed.

Researchers from the Government Accountability Office said so far the two departments have established a system to share basic physical exam data and information on drug and alcohol use. But inpatient records still lag, and only limited work has been done to scan in old paper files for the work.

Timberlake said he's optimistic the two sides can reach agreement on how to do the work by the Sept. 30 deadline.

Tarantino said while the information sharing is a critical aspect of the lifelong electronic medical record goal, it's not necessarily a roadblock for the process. He's still optimistic the lifelong records will be in place in just a few years, maybe as early as the end of 2010.

"It's not like they have to develop new technology," he said. "That's the single most frustrating part of this. It's not like we're going to the moon."

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RON EDMONDS/AP

Maj. Jennifer Grieves, right, made her final flight Thursday as the pilot of the president's helicopter, Marine One.

Historic mission complete

First female Marine One pilot finishes ground-breaking tour

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Maj. Jennifer Grieves wanted independence, exposure and something she could be proud of when she joined the Marine Corps. She got all that, and more — including a place in history as the first woman to ever pilot Marine One, the president's helicopter.

About 40 times in the past 14 months, she has been the one responsible for ferrying President Barack Obama, former President George W. Bush and former Vice President Dick Cheney to and from Andrews Air Force Base, and other points in their world travels. Her 14-month rotation as a Marine One pilot ended Thursday with another first: An all-female crew flew the president to Andrews.

Grieves, 38, joined nearly 20 years ago in her hometown of Glendale, Ariz., seeking broader horizons. Until then, her only exposure to the military was a grandfather who had served in the Navy.

Grieves came to helicopters by chance. A college mentor recommended she take an aptitude test. She did; it pointed her toward flying. She was accepted to flight school and "ended up realizing that I should have wanted to do that ever since I was a kid."

"It's something I love," Grieves said of flying; she can fly three different types of helicopters.

A supervisor who had served in the Marine One squadron recommended that she apply. She joined in 2005, spent a couple of years as a co-pilot and then became qualified to fly vice presidents and visiting heads of state. She was given the ultimate responsibility, being designated a "Marine One," in 2008. The native of Alameda, Calif., said she didn't realize the significance of her achievement until her rotation ended Thursday. Next comes leadership school in Quantico, Va., starting in August. Grieves expects to finish in June 2010 and return to flying, either in North Carolina or Afghanistan.

"Yesterday, I realized that it might be significant, and it might be important," she said, adding that she was proud of her crew and all the Marines who support her. "And I guess, a little bit, I'm kind of proud of myself, too."

On Thursday, Obama greeted Grieves and her co-pilot, Maj. Jennifer Marino, of Palisade, Colo., as he boarded. Once on the tarmac at Andrews, he walked up front and told them how proud he was, she said. He gave her one of his personal presidential coins.

"He said he's always felt like he was in good hands with all of us," Grieves said. There's little time to get to know the president, but that isn't Grieves' job.



President Barack Obama salutes as he boards Marine One as he leaves the White House in Washington on Thursday for a trip to New Jersey and New York.

"Our job is to fly him, to be professional, take him from A to B and to take him there safely," she said.

Her first day flying Bush, "I was a nervous wreck. I was extremely nervous," she said.

She remembers he boarded and came to shake her hand. "He kind of did a doubletake," at the sight of a woman in the pilot's chair. They greeted each other and "he smiled at me and I knew. I kind of felt what he was thinking and he walked back to the back and he was great ever since, just like President Obama," Grieves said. "I think the fact that they both have daughters makes it a little more special for them."

Historians study black vets' role in civil rights

By JENNIFER H. SVAN
Stars and Stripes

In the words of retired Gen. Colin Powell, postwar Germany was "a breath of freedom" for black soldiers, especially those out of the South: "[They could] go where they wanted, eat where they wanted, and date, whom they wanted, just like other people."

Germany, on the heels of a Holocaust flamed by anti-Semitism, would seem to be the last place on earth to experience any wisp of racial freedom.

But two historians studying the experience of black American GIs in postwar Germany maintain that racial discrimination was not institutionalized as it was in the southern United States at the time. So, interracial interactions were possible, if not always popular.

"When they got out of the South, it was their first experience of a society without racial boundaries," said Maria Höhn, who teaches German history at Vassar College and wrote "GIs and Fräuleins: The German-American Encounter in 1950s West Germany," published in 2002.

Höhn and her colleague Martin Klimke are collecting the oral histories of black veterans who served in postwar Germany and are looking for more to interview for a research project that, even in its infancy, has been honored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Höhn and Klimke have about 50 interviews lined up with black veterans, but want to talk with at least 100.

"Our major concern is to get these stories on the record, not only for history but also for the families," said Klimke, a research fellow at the Heidelberg Center for American Studies at the University of Heidelberg in Germany. Younger generations

have "no idea their grandparents or parents spent so much time in Germany and witnessed these things."

Titled "The Civil Rights Struggle, African-American GIs and Germany," the project explores the connection between the establishment of American military bases abroad and the advancement of civil rights in the U.S., and the role that black GIs played in carrying the demands of the civil rights movement abroad beginning with World War II.

Höhn and Klimke are initially focusing on Germany, which has been home to the largest contingent of American troops deployed outside the United States for the past 60 years. Between 1945 and the end of the Cold War in 1989, about 2 million to 3 million black military personnel, family members and civilian employees lived in Germany.

For many black servicemembers, the irony of fighting Nazism and promoting democracy abroad while being subjected to the racist fist of Jim Crow changed their perspective and fueled a purpose, the researchers say, sparking their involvement in the civil rights struggle after they returned to the United States.

"As a consequence of their experiences, but also the opportunities offered by military life, GIs were empowered," Höhn said.

"The goal is to build a large oral history collection that will keep on growing in the future with the help of the military community and the people who interacted with them," Klimke said.

They're searching for black servicemembers who served in Germany from 1945 until the end of the Cold War to share "any kind of stories or reflections ... on their time in Germany or on how their military service changed their perspective on civil rights in the United States," Klimke said.

Those stories, as well as pho-

tographs and documents from the era, are part of an exhibit that's traveling around Germany and the United States this year and next. There is discussion of bringing the exhibition to military bases throughout Europe next summer, Klimke said.

The project, supported by the German Historical Institute in Washington, D.C., Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and the Heidelberg Center for American Studies, is also being made into a digital archive available online at: <http://aacvr-germany.org>. The site provides contact information for black veterans interested in speaking with the researchers.

Höhn and Klimke hope that by giving voice to the experiences of black servicemembers in postwar Germany, they'll expand the story of the civil rights movement beyond the boundaries of the United States.

So far, those voices have told powerful, poignant stories.

Says Leon Bass, who as a 19-year-old black sergeant was among American soldiers who liberated Buchenwald, a Nazi concentration camp, in April 1945:

"There were so many different groups placed in that camp by the Nazis. And what did the Nazis use as a yardstick as to who would be chosen to go there? They said those people who were not good enough, those people who were inferior; they could be segregated. So, you see what I mean? Segregation, racism, can lead to the ultimate, to what I saw at Buchenwald."

Bass' story is found among 15 interview transcripts posted so far on the Web site.

"The veterans are very enthusiastic about the project and that someone is taking on their story, which has sort of fallen through the cracks on both sides of the Atlantic," Klimke said.

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A show of toys



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A youngster plays with the Dream Dog DX Golden Retriever from Sega Toys. It was one of many new toys on display Saturday at the International Tokyo Toy Show in the Tokyo Big Sight during the weekend. Show organizers expected 160,000 visitors during the four days of the 48th annual toy show.

Navy individual augmentees to get prep checklists

By LISA M. NOVAK
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Starting on Monday, all Navy individual augmentees and their commands have to complete a new checklist that ensures sailors are medically, legally, financially and professionally ready to go downrange.

IAs deploy alone, as opposed to deploying with an entire unit, and they fill specific job requirements for combatant commanders. The checklist covers such areas as medical status, promotion eligibility, training certifications, banking and credit card information and updating of wills. It must be completed within a month of the sailor receiving IA orders.

"The new checklist has taken all of the medical and administrative requirements that were in different places and consolidated them," said Cmdr. Roy Strachan, with IA support for Fleet Forces Command.

"The old checklists weren't fully inclusive. The new checklist builds advocates in the process so the sailor and his or her family isn't doing this on their own. It's a team effort."

When deployed, IAs may be attached to other services, such as Army or Marine Corps units. Sailors tapped for such duty may be permanently transferred as an IA or assigned on a temporary basis, leaving their command for up to a year.

There are currently more than 14,000 sailors serving in IA jobs in Iraq, Afghanistan, Europe, Africa, the U.S. and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, according to the Fleet Forces Command.

Commands assign an IA coordinator to help sailors complete requirements for their new assignments. Commands are also required to keep in contact at least once a month with sailors during deployments, even if they're no longer attached to the unit because of the IA assignment.

"Command involvement is key. We don't want the sailor to feel like he or she has been abandoned," Strachan said. "It helps reduce stress so they can concentrate on the mission at hand and not worry about the support network for their families."

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Sailors assaulted in Australia return to ship

Three USS George Washington sailors who were assaulted in a scissors attack during a port visit to Australia have returned to the ship for duty, Navy officials said Friday.

Meanwhile, two Australians will appear in court Monday for the July 5 attack in Perth, according to The Australian newspaper.

As many as six people attacked two male sailors and one female sailor about 1 a.m. following a verbal altercation, said Lt. Cmdr. Bill Urban from aboard the George Washington, which is at sea but is homeported at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan.

The attack was not provoked by the sailors, Urban said.

"One sailor was stabbed with a pair of scissors in the face and required treatment in an Australian hospital for several days," Urban said.

A 17-year-old male will appear in Perth Children's Court on Monday, charged with unlawful wounding, according to The Australian.

A 19-year-old woman was charged with assault occasioning bodily harm and will appear in Perth Magistrates Court on Monday.

From staff reports



Courtesy of the National Archives

Army Pfc. Eugene Davis of the 375th Engineer Battalion paints over a swastika on a train car in Palenbourg, Germany, in 1945. The image is part of a gallery of photos for an ongoing research project by historians Maria Höhn and Martin Klimke documenting the stories of black servicemembers in postwar Germany and how those experiences helped shape the civil rights movement.

Jet crash in Afghanistan kills two crewmembers

Stars and Stripes

A U.S. Air Force F-15E Strike Eagle crashed in eastern Afghanistan early Saturday, a U.S. Forces Afghanistan press release said.

The two crewmembers on board the fighter jet were killed, according to media reports and confirmed by a public affairs officer. The twin-engine jet fighter crashed at 3:15 a.m. Kabul time.

The Air Force is notifying next of kin. A board of officers will be convened to investigate the accident, the release said.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and loved ones ... and to the Airmen and the joint and coalition team members who called them

friends and will miss their fellow warriors," Lt. Gen. Gary North, commander of U.S. Air Forces Central, said in the release.

Air Force officials would not say where the plane went down, what squadron and base the plane was from and what the aircraft was doing, other than flying in support of coalition operations.

The crash comes in what is shaping up as one of the deadliest months since the war in Afghanistan started, The Associated Press reported.

As of Wednesday, at least 46 coalition troops, including 24 Americans, had been killed. That matches the tolls for the two previous deadliest months — last month and August of 2008, according to The AP.

Afghan drug trade targeted

DEA to send more agents to combat terror-funding industry

By JOSH MEYER

McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government is dramatically expanding a long-neglected second front in the war in Afghanistan, dispatching Drug Enforcement Administration agents in an effort to decapitate the Taliban-linked drug trafficking networks that are fueling the insurgency and corrupting the Afghan government, current and former counternarcotics officials say.

The move is seen as a recognition that the war in Afghanistan cannot be won with military force alone. Until near the end of its eight years in office, the Bush administration failed to link the drug traffickers in Afghanistan with the rising insurgency, basing its anti-drug campaign primarily on an effort to destroy the vast fields of poppy that produce more than 90 percent of the world's heroin.

But that campaign has proved politically unpopular with Afghans and some NATO-led U.S. allies operating in the country. It is considered by the new administration to have been an expensive failure that backfired and drove farmers and influential tribesmen into supporting the insurgency.

The U.S. is now shifting to a counterinsurgency campaign that will send even more troops to Afghanistan, but that also emphasizes targeting dozens of large-scale drug "kingpins" whose empires are producing vast amounts of hashish, opium, morphine and heroin, some of it going to U.S. markets.

In interviews, more than a dozen current and former U.S. counternarcotics officials say they have grown alarmed by the increasingly close ties between the drug traffickers and insurgents in recent years.

Because the Taliban controls large swaths of Afghanistan, the traffickers and their support networks must pay them at least \$100 million a year — and possibly several times that — to grow and protect their fields of poppy, run their sophisticated processing labs and smuggle their drugs out of the country.

Similar drug trafficking activity is flourishing in the lawless tribal belt that includes northwest Pakistan, and it is providing huge volumes of cash to the Pakistani Taliban and al-Qaida as well, those officials said.

"We see their involvement through just about every stage of drug trafficking, and in each of the four corners of Afghanistan," Thomas Harrigan, the chief of operations for the DEA, said of the

Taliban. "They use the money to sustain their operations, feed their fighters, to assist al-Qaida."

In response, the number of DEA agents and analysts in Afghanistan will jump from 13 agents to 68 by September and ultimately to 81 in 2010, with more deployed to Pakistan, too.

The DEA also has been designated as the lead organization in a multiagency Afghan Threat Finance Cell that will go after not only the drug kingpins in both countries, but also corrupt politicians and other sources of funding for the insurgency, including extortion and kidnappings, according to DEA documents and interviews.

The DEA agents will be based in each quadrant of Afghanistan in an effort to bolster their existing network of informants and to conduct sting operations and other investigations.

"There are a lot of black holes in Afghanistan regarding intelligence; we don't know what we don't know," Harrigan said.

The drug agency also will expand the U.S. program to train Afghan authorities in how to investigate and prosecute suspected drug traffickers and their extensive logistics and support networks.

"Clearly there was a mistake made early on," between 2001 and 2006, said former Ambassador Thomas Schweich, who became the Bush administration's coordinator for counternarcotics and justice reform in Afghanistan in 2007. "Had we taken this more serious early on, it never would have gotten as bad as it is."

Thomas Schweich
former coordinator for counternarcotics
and justice reform in Afghanistan

Schweich lobbied hard for a DEA expansion, as did then-deputy national security adviser Juan Zarate. The National Security Council recommended in August 2008 that DEA take the lead in a new Afghan Threat Finance Cell, basing it on a Pentagon-led unit operating in Iraq.

Two months ago, 10 members of a DEA Foreign-deployed Advisory Support Team participated in the largest U.S. special forces mission in Afghanistan since 2001, a four-day battle to take out a major Taliban stronghold and drug bazaar in the town of Marjah in Helmand province.

Operation Siege Engine Two lasted four days, during which time authorities seized a huge cache of weapons, explosives and bomb-making materials, as well as tons of drugs in all stages of production.

Privately, some current and former officials questioned whether the DEA expansion will help turn the tide against the insurgents, or what they say is deeply entrenched corruption at all levels of Afghan government.

Radicals' stronghold raided



QAZI TARIQ/AP

A Pakistani paramilitary soldier walks with a blindfolded, detained activist of banned radical Islamic group Lashkar-e-Islam, or Army of Islam, during a search operation in Acheeni, an area of the Pakistani Khyber tribal region along the Afghan border, on Saturday.

Disputed civilian deaths in Afghanistan focusing attention on U.S. policy

By NANCY A. YOUSSEF

McClatchy Newspapers

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — An airstrike that Afghan officials allege killed at least four civilians Wednesday was the first test of a new U.S. directive that American troops let Taliban fighters flee if civilian lives are at risk.

U.S. officials said Friday that it wasn't at all clear that the civilians had been killed in an airstrike in southern Afghanistan, saying the casualties appear to be victims of small-arms fire.

However, the quick denunciation of the deaths by the governor of Kandahar province, an ally of President Hamid Karzai, shows how sensitive the issue of civilian casualties has become, even as the American military vows to reduce them and to investigate the latest allegation.

Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, ordered American ground troops two weeks ago to avoid calling in airstrikes if civilian lives are at risk in an effort to avoid casualties and to show the local population that U.S. forces are here to protect them.

In a community in which tech-

nology and literacy are scarce, however, the first version of events usually prevails, and that appeared to be the case Friday.

Throughout Kandahar, residents charged that their relatives were missing or injured at the hands of an overzealous foreign force.

The mayor of Kandahar city, Torkyalai Weesa, joined the governor, charging that an airstrike that U.S. forces launched Wednesday night in the village of Shawalikot, about 20 miles north of Kandahar, killed four civilians and injured 13, including women and children.

American ground troops called in the airstrike, the Afghan officials said, during a battle with Taliban gunmen. Shawalikot is a known Taliban stronghold.

Local officials allowed reporters to film at a hospital where some of the injured were being treated. Many were wrapped in bandages, but there was no way to tell how they'd been injured.

U.S. military officials acknowledged that they had launched an air attack in the area but said they hadn't confirmed reports of deaths or injuries due to the strike.

IN THE STATES

Legendary journalist Cronkite dead at 92

By FRAZIER MOORE

The Associated Press

NEWYORK—Walter Cronkite, the premier TV anchorman who reported with reassuring authority on events ranging from the assassination of President John F. Kennedy to the moon landing and came to be called “the most trusted man in America,” died Friday. He was 92.

Cronkite's longtime chief of staff, Marlene Adler, said Cronkite died at 7:42 p.m. at his Manhattan home surrounded by family. She said the cause of death was cerebrovascular disease.

Cronkite was the face of the “CBS Evening News” from 1962 to 1981, when stories ranged from the assassinations of Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to racial and anti-war riots, Watergate and the Iranian hostage crisis.

It was Cronkite who read the bulletins coming from Dallas when Kennedy was shot Nov. 22, 1963, interrupting a live CBS-TV broadcast of the soap opera “As the World Turns.”

He died just three days before the 40th anniversary of the moon landing, another earthshaking moment of history linked inexorably with his reporting.

Cronkite's 1968 editorial declaring the United States was “mired in stalemate” in Vietnam was seen by some as a turning point in U.S. opinion of the war. He also helped broker the 1977 invitation that took Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Jerusalem, the breakthrough to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

A former wire service reporter and war correspondent, he valued accuracy, objectivity and understated compassion. He expressed liberal views in more recent writings but said he had always aimed to be fair and professional in his judgments on the air.

President Barack Obama called him the “voice of certainty in an uncertain world.”

Two polls pronounced Cronkite the “most trusted man in America”: a 1972 “trust index” survey in which he finished No. 1, about 15



COURTESY OF CBS/AP

Famed “CBS Evening News” anchor Walter Cronkite, known as the “most trusted man in America,” died Friday in his Manhattan, N.Y., home. He was 92.

points higher than leading politicians, and a 1974 survey in which people chose him as the most trusted television newscaster.

Like fellow Midwesterner Johnny Carson, Cronkite seemed to embody the nation's mainstream. When he broke down as he announced Kennedy's death, removing his glasses and fighting back tears, the times seemed to break down with him.

As many as 18 million households tuned in to Cronkite's top-rated program each evening. Twice that number watched his final show, on March 6, 1981, compared with fewer than 10 million in 2005 for the departure of Dan Rather, Cronkite's successor.

“Walter loved reporting and delivering the news, and he was superb at both,” Rather said. “He deserves recognition and remembrance, too, for the way he solidly backed his correspondents and producers, defending them vigorously in coverage of difficult stories such as the Vietnam War and the Watergate crimes.”

Walter Leland Cronkite Jr. was born Nov. 4, 1916, in St. Joseph,

Mo., the son and grandson of dentists. The family moved to Houston when he was 10.

Cronkite quit high-school for a full-time job with the Houston Press. After a brief stint at KCMO in Kansas City, Mo., he joined United Press in 1937. Dispatched to London early in World War II, Cronkite covered the battle of the North Atlantic, flew on a bombing mission over Germany and glided into Holland with the 101st Airborne Division. He was a chief correspondent at the post-war Nuremberg trials and spent his final two years with the news service managing its Moscow bureau.

Cronkite returned to the United States in 1948 and covered Washington for radio stations. He then accepted Edward R. Murrow's invitation to join CBS in 1950.

In 1940, Cronkite married Mary Elizabeth “Betsy” Maxwell, whom he had met when they both worked at KCMO.

They had three children, Nancy, Mary Kathleen and Walter Leland III. Betsy Cronkite died in 2005.

‘The most trusted man in America’

Walter Cronkite

The legendary anchor of the “CBS Evening News” famously reported on some of the biggest stories of the 20th century.

Early years

Born 1916, St. Joseph, Mo.; grew up in Houston; new he wanted to be a journalist at age 13

Education Attended the University of Texas at Austin, 1933-35

Career

1937-50 Joined the United Press wire service; became one of the top correspondents of World War II

1950-62 Asked by Edward R. Murrow to join CBS; hosted the series “You Are There” and “The Twentieth Century”

1962-81 Replaced Douglas Edwards as anchor of the “CBS Evening News”

1980s-90s Hosted PBS's New Year's Eve broadcast of the Vienna Philharmonic; documentaries for PBS, Discovery Channel

Big events he covered Kennedy assassinations, civil rights movement, Martin Luther King assassination, Vietnam War, Arab-Israeli Six Day War, Camp David peace accords; U.S. space program; Watergate scandal

Notable moments

1963 Read the bulletin with a quavering voice that President Kennedy had been assassinated

1968 After a reporting tour of Vietnam, told viewers the United States should withdraw

1969 On the air for 27 of the 30 hours that Apollo XI took to complete its mission



Langley Air Force Base, 1968:

Cronkite tries out gear designed to simulate walking in reduced gravity such as on the moon.

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Jackson's mother may challenge executors

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's mother asked for a judge's ruling Friday on whether she can challenge the authority of two men named in her son's will as executors of his estate without being disinherited.

The filing does not formally challenge the appointment of attorney John Branca and music executive John McClain as exec-

utors of Michael Jackson's estate.

But a favorable ruling could pave the way for 79-year-old Katherine Jackson to seek control of her son's estate, which has an estimated value of more than \$500 million.

A judge granted her temporary control over roughly 2,000 items taken from her son's Neverland Ranch and slated for auction, but her authority expired and was given to Branca and McClain. She

had sought to control Jackson's estate, but that was before the singer's 2002 will was filed in Los Angeles.

It names Branca and McClain as Jackson's choice for co-executors of the will and states his estate should be placed in a private trust.

Jackson's trust included a “no contest” clause that calls for anyone who challenges the will to be disinherited.

House to probe CIA plan to deploy 'killer teams'

By PAMELA HESS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House Intelligence Committee said Friday it will investigate whether the CIA broke the law by not informing Congress promptly about a secret program to deploy teams of killers to target al-Qaida leaders.

Committee Chairman Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, said the hit team plan, which was never carried out, is among several intelligence operations that will be investigated as part of a broad inquiry into the CIA's handling of disclosures to Congress about its secret activities.

"I intend to make this investigation fair and thorough, and it is my goal that it will not become a distraction to the men and women of the CIA," Reyes said. CIA spokesman Paul Gimigliano said the agency shares that goal and will work closely with the committee on its review.

The House Intelligence Committee will examine concerns that the CIA failed to inform the Senate and House Intelligence committees about former President George W. Bush's wiretapping program, harsh interrogation techniques and the destruction of interrogation videotapes, according to a committee aide.

The inquiry also will focus on how the CIA handled disclosures about the 2001 downing of a small plane carrying American missionaries over Peru and on other cases, said the aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

The CIA is obligated under law to keep Congress

"fully and currently" informed of intelligence activities through classified briefings.

Separately from the committee's inquiry, Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill., will lead an investigation into the details of the CIA plan to send out teams of killers, she said Friday.

"Why was there such a high-level determination to keep it secret? And how may it have changed over all these years? And why was it immediately ended as soon as the current CIA director learned of it?" she said, describing the outlines of what her subcommittee plans to delve into.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., the senior Republican on the committee, criticized the investigation as "partisan, political theater." He said he would support a "balanced review," but contended Democrats are prematurely accusing the CIA of breaking the law.

"At no time will the Republicans of this committee agree to or take part in congressional Democrats efforts to tear down the CIA to provide cover for Speaker Pelosi," Hoekstra said in a statement Friday.

He was referring to a frequent GOP talking point accusing House Democrats of trying to bolster House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's accusation that the CIA lied to her about its harsh interrogation program.

The intelligence committee's investigation was triggered by CIA Director Leon Panetta's June 24 disclosure about the hit team program in an emergency briefing he called a day after he canceled the program after learning about it the same day.

Special interrogators considered for terror suspect questioning

By DEVLIN BARRETT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration is considering creating a special unit of professional interrogators to handle high-value terror suspects, focusing on intelligence-gathering rather than building criminal cases for prosecution, a government official said Saturday.

The recommendation is expected from a presidential task force on interrogation methods that plans to send some findings to the White House on Tuesday.

The official said the panel, which has not completed its work, has concluded that the unit of intelligence and law enforcement agencies should be created. The task force is unsure which agencies should have a role, though the CIA and FBI are expected to be important players, according to the official, who was not authorized to publicly discuss the panel's work and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Ben LaBolt, a White House spokesman, said President Barack Obama has not reviewed the task force's recommendations.

The spokesman declined to discuss any findings.

The recommendation about the new unit was first reported in Saturday's Wall Street Journal.

The unit's structure would depart significantly from such work under the Bush administration, when the CIA had the lead and sometimes exclusive role in questioning al-Qaida suspects. The task force has not reached a conclusion as to which agency should lead the unit or where it should be based, the official said.

Such a unit would not alter the Obama administration's decision against using harsh interrogation techniques such as waterboarding, which simulates drowning, that were authorized by the Bush administration.

The Obama task force is examining what other techniques could be used, the official said.

Obama signed executive orders when he took office in January calling for government task forces to recommend future policies for interrogating and detaining suspected terrorists.

House panel OKs \$4 billion for high-speed rail network

By ANDREW TAYLOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's high-speed rail initiative would get an enormous boost under a spending bill that a House committee approved Friday.

Obama sought \$1 billion for construction of a high-speed system and other intercity rail lines, which would come on top of \$8 billion provided in the economic stimulus bill in February.

The House Appropriations Committee decided to provide \$4 billion, part of a \$123 billion measure covering transportation and housing programs.

Rep. John Olver, D-Mass., said the earlier money had generated about \$70 billion in grant requests for high-speed rail projects.

The measure also gives the money-losing Amtrak passenger

railroad a \$1.5 billion subsidy.

The troubled Metro rail system in the nation's capital would receive \$150 million to make repairs and replace rail cars.

The system has long-overdue maintenance needs and is struggling to recover after a crash that killed nine people.

The measure also would increase spending by more than 40 percent on a much-criticized program that subsidizes rural air travel.

The \$175 million for the Essential Air Service would help entice small airlines to fly unprofitable routes; the flights are often nearly empty.

Housing programs also would receive a generous boost, including \$27 billion for the Section 8 program to finance housing vouchers for 3.4 million people. That's a 10 percent increase.

Six found slain in Tenn., Ala; 1 nabbed

FAYETTEVILLE, Tenn. — Five people were found slain in two homes in southern Tennessee Saturday, some of whom were related, and a sixth person at a Huntsville, Ala., business, said authorities who have a suspect in custody.

Lincoln County, Tenn., Sheriff Murray Blackwelder said at

a news conference that his department is investigating three crime scenes, though he did not elaborate. He did not release the victims' names or that of the suspect and would not confirm the causes of death. He did not release a motive.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Kristin Helm said the killings happened Friday night or early Saturday.

From The Associated Press



FRED COMEGYS, DELAWARE NEWS JOURNAL/AP

Workers listen as officials speak of a project to refurbish Amtrak railroad cars at their maintenance facility in Bear, Del. The ceremony marked the completion of the first restored rail car. Amtrak has hired 55 workers and is spending more than \$58 million of federal stimulus money at its Bear facility.

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Memories of moonwalk at Ohio ceremony

Apollo astronauts celebrate 40th anniversary of historic landing

By JAMES HANNAH
The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — It was a reunion of reunions.

Twelve Apollo astronauts reminisced, traded stories and poked fun at each other Friday night as the 40th anniversary of the first moon landing and moonwalk approached.

The astronauts, including first moonmen Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, attended the ceremony in which the National Aviation Hall of Fame presented the Apollo crews with the "Spirit of Flight" award for their courage and dedication.

The crowd of hundreds at the National Museum of the United States Air Force erupted in cheers when a video chronicling the space program replayed Armstrong's famous first words after stepping on the moon July 20, 1969: "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

"It was spectacular," Armstrong recalled of gazing at the moon's surface as he took those first steps. "Anytime you go to a place where everything you see is different than anything you've ever seen before in your life, it's unique and it's memorable. And that certainly was."

Armstrong said there was little time to savor the experience.

"We didn't rest hardly five seconds when we got a message from Mission Control, saying get on with the next item," Armstrong said.

Armstrong said he had been a backup on Apollo 8 and that when he wasn't needed was asked if he wanted to be on the third mis-

sion down the line — what turned out to be the fateful Apollo 11 mission.

As they sat together on the stage, the astronauts joked and bantered with each other.

Astronaut Eugene Cernan, the last man to walk on the moon, also flew in the flight preceding Armstrong's. He joked that his job was to paint a white line to the moon that Apollo 11 could follow.

"Everyone knew Neil could land on the moon, but we didn't have a lot of confidence Neil could find it," Cernan quipped.

"I've been listening to that for 40 years, and this is not the time to change my position," Armstrong shot back, drawing laughs from the crowd.

But the first lunar landing was a serious matter for the astronauts and those in mission control. When the designated landing zone proved to be too rocky, Armstrong had to burn fuel from a diminishing supply to find a suitable place to touch down.

"I can't say it was panic, but it was a lot of attention to detail in mission control," said Charles Duke, who was at mission control at the time. "The fuel level is going down, down, down, and things are getting real tense." When there were only 30 seconds of fuel left, "it got dead silent."

The event was among several nationwide meant to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the moon landing.

President Barack Obama will host the Apollo 11 crew on Monday, a senior administration official said. The crew planned to attend a lecture at the Smithsonian Institution Sunday night.



DAVID KOHL/AP

Apollo astronauts Buzz Aldrin, left, and Neil Armstrong participate in a panel discussion Friday during the National Aviation Hall of Fame Spirit of Flight Award ceremony at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

At space station, a tricky spacewalk

By MARCIA DUNN
The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida — Astronauts inside and out worked to install a porch for experiments on Japan's expansive space station lab Saturday, a major objective made all the more difficult by microphone static that often drowned out the spacewalkers' voices.

Veteran spaceman David Wolf and rookie Timothy Kopra could barely make themselves understood at times because of the loud static emanating from their helmet microphones.

"Dave, you're unreadable," astronaut Christopher Cassidy called from inside the shuttle-station complex. Two hours later, it was no better. "It's hard to follow along with this comm," Cassidy said, looking for clarification on what the spacewalkers were doing. The trouble lasted the entire 5½-hour spacewalk, the first of five planned during Endeavour's space station visit.

NASA officials said it was a nuisance but not a safety issue, and they hoped to resolve the problem before the next spacewalk on Monday.

Indeed, Wolf and Kopra wasted no time 220 miles up prepping the Kibo lab — Hope in Japanese — and the new porch for their mechanical hookup. Wolf removed an insulating cover from the lab and tossed it overboard; the white cover drifted away, flipping end over end.

Remaining inside the linked shuttle and station were 11 astronauts, a full house. The station population swelled to a record 13 when Endeavour arrived Friday for a 1½-week stay.



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Space shuttle Endeavour is seen docked with the international space station Friday.

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Obama urges swift action on health care

By PHILIP ELLIOTT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama told the nation Saturday that his health care overhaul is financially sound and Congress should not squander the chance to make meaningful change. Republicans didn't relent in their criticism of his plan as a costly burden unwisely on a fast track.

For a sixth straight day, Obama sought to keep the focus on his chief domestic priority in the face of mounting resistance on Capitol Hill, including conservative Democrats. White House officials are worried they face a tougher road to passage than anticipated.

"This is what the debate in Congress is all about: whether we'll keep talking and tinkering and letting this problem fester as more families and businesses go under and more Americans lose their coverage," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address. "Or whether we'll seize this opportunity — one we might not have again for generations — and finally pass health insurance reform this year, in 2009."

Through the week, Obama tried to project confidence about his approach to cover millions of uninsured people. During a pri-

vate meeting with Jewish leaders on Monday, he joked that the only thing more difficult than passing health care legislation might be negotiating Mideast peace.

At a late scheduled White House appearance Friday, he appealed to lawmakers not to "lose heart" and asked for deeper cost cuts to calm concern over the huge expense.

Republicans were not swayed. "The president and some Democrats insist we must rush this plan through," said Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz. "Why? Because the more Americans know about it, the more they oppose it. Something this important needs to be done right, rather than done quickly."

Two House committees on Friday approved their parts of the bill over Republican objections. That left one more to act. But Democrats facing tough re-election bids or representing conservative districts demanded additional measures to hold down costs.

Given the complexities, as well as fresh calls for delay in the Senate, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., opened the door to pushing off a vote beyond the early August timeline that she and Obama laid out weeks ago. Pelosi long has said the House would vote before lawmakers leave on vacation at the end of July.



Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz

"It would empower Washington — not doctors and patients — to make health care decisions and would impose a new tax on working families during a recession."



ALEX BRANDON/AP

President Barack Obama speaks about health care on Friday at the White House in Washington.

Now she hedged for the first time.

"We have to see what the Senate will do," she said, before suggesting that changing the bill to produce more savings might require additional time.

It will take a lot to convince Republicans, nearly united in opposing the Democrats' plan.

"It would empower Washington — not doctors and patients — to make health care decisions and would impose a new tax on working families during a recession," Kyl said in the GOP's weekly address. "They propose to pay for this new Washington-run health care system by dramatically raising taxes on small business owners."

Kyl, the Senate's No. 2 Republican, said his party's proposed alternatives should be considered.

"These changes do not require government takeover of the health care system, or massive new spending, job-killing taxes or rationing of care," he said, seeking to string together the biggest

fears of Obama's plan to challenge the popular president.

Obama rejected the criticism out of hand.

"Now, we know there are those who will oppose reform no matter what," Obama said.

"We know the same special interests and their agents in Congress will make the same old arguments and use the same scare tactics that have stopped reform before because they profit from this relentless escalation in health care costs."

Obama also repeated his pledge that his plan would not add to the federal deficit or deny patients' choices.

"Under our proposals, if you like your doctor, you keep your doctor. If you like your current insurance, you keep that insurance. Period, end of story," he said.

That's a pledge, however, beyond Obama's control.

His plan leaves companies free to change their health plans in ways that workers may not like or to drop insurance altogether.

Biden to visit Georgia, Ukraine

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Joe Biden's trip to Ukraine and Georgia will build on the United States' relationship with the countries while not annoying Russia, his national security adviser said Friday.

Biden plans to deliver speeches



Biden

in Kiev and Tbilisi about the United States' friendships with those capitals next week, as well as private meetings with elected officials and opposition leaders, Tony Blinken said.

Biden also planned to reiterate the United States' opposition to renewed violence in Georgia.

U.S. support of Georgia's government has been a source of tension with Russia, which fought a war with Georgia last summer.

Barack Obama's administration has sought to ease Georgian officials' concerns that their country will lose out as the United States seeks to improve ties with Russia.

"Our effort to reset relations with Russia will not come at the expense of any other country," Blinken said.

Biden plans to arrive in Tbilisi on Tuesday after a visit to Ukraine, whose government also has been at odds with Moscow.

The visit is intended to show that the Obama administration rejects Russia's claims to a sphere of influence over the region.

"For the United States, we're not seeking to build spheres of influence or to dominate a particular region," Blinken said. "Rather, we are looking for strong partners to help us meet common challenges."

Retailer deletes Kindle users' copies of Orwell books, citing piracy

By HILLEL ITALIE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A pirated e-book of "1984" led to an Orwellian moment for Kindle customers.

Users of Amazon.com's e-reader device were surprised and unsettled after receiving notice that George Orwell works they had purchased, including "1984" and "Animal Farm," had been removed from their Kindle on Friday and their money refunded.

It was conspiracy time on the Internet. Big Brother's revenge? Pressure from the publisher? No, says an Amazon spokesman — the deletion of pirated copies that had been posted to the Kindle store.

"These books were added to our catalog using our self-service platform by a third party who did not have the rights to the books," spokesman Drew Herdener said Friday.

"When we were notified of this by the rights holder, we removed the illegal copies from our systems and from customers' devices, and refunded customers. We are changing our systems so that in the future we will not remove books from customers' devices in these circumstances."

Herdener's explanation differed from what Kindle users were told by Amazon's customer service, which made no reference to piracy, but implied that the removal was the publisher's choice.

"Published by MobileReference ... [the books] were removed from the Kindle store and are no longer available for purchase," according to an e-mail sent to customers. "When this occurred, your purchases were automatically refunded. You can still locate the books in the Kindle store, but each has a status of not yet available. Although a rarity, publishers can decide to pull their content from the Kindle store."

Herdener said the customer service statement was incorrect and reiterated that the works were pulled because of legal issues. MobileReference is a digital publisher that offers a wide range of literary titles, although Orwell's books were not mentioned on the company's Web site as of

Friday night.

An e-mail message sent to the publisher's owner, SoundTells, was not immediately returned.

The Orwell ordeal highlighted two concerns in the virtual world — that a book already paid for and acquired can be revoked by the long arm of a retailer (the Kindle operates on a wireless connection that Amazon.com ultimately controls); and the difficulty of stopping bootlegged texts.

The digital library is rapidly growing, but numerous classic works, from "Catch-22" to "Lolita," remain unavailable as e-books. Piracy has been one concern for rights holders, although illegal works have yet to have a measurable impact on sales.

IN THE WORLD



RAJANISH KAKADE/AP

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton smiles as she is greeted Saturday by members of Self Employed Women's Association, a nongovernment organization, in Mumbai, India.

Clinton urges India, other nations to tackle terrorism

By ROBERT BURNS
The Associated Press

MUMBAI, India — Off the injured list and back on the world stage, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on Saturday gave an impassioned defense of American demands that India and other countries do more to tackle terrorism and global warming.

Opening a three-day visit to India, Clinton sought to emphasize common interests, symbolized by the terrorist attacks in this seaside city last November that killed 166 people.

"It must be stopped," she said, adding that the United States cannot do it alone.

Part of the backdrop to Clinton's visit is a sense of unease among Indians that the Obama administration is focusing more on its anti-terror campaigns in Afghanistan and Pakistan, at the expense of attention to the world's largest democracy.

Clinton is the highest-ranking administration official to stop in India.

She has been widely popular since visiting as first lady in the 1990s.

Showing no visible effects from elbow surgery in mid-June, Clinton met with business leaders, was serenaded by female entrepreneurs and participated in a televised discussion at a college on what's wrong with education in India and the U.S.

It was the first event of her day, however, that underscored most strongly the central message she carried from Washington.

"The bottom line for me is, our government is committed in the fight against terrorism," she told reporters at the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower after meeting privately with a group of survivors of last year's attacks on the Taj and an adjacent hotel.

"And we expect everyone" who shares the American desire to end violent extremism "to take strong action to prevent terrorism from taking root on their soil and making sure that terrorists are not trained and deployed — and we believe that around the world."

U.S. agrees to strengthen Japan's nuclear defense

The Associated Press

TOKYO — The United States and Japan agreed Saturday to strengthen the U.S. defense of its close ally against any nuclear attack by North Korea — Japan's top security concern.

The U.S. has established a "nuclear umbrella" to protect Japan and other non-nuclear allies from possible attack. The umbrella comprises U.S.-based nuclear weapons, including ballistic missiles with nuclear warheads, and nuclear submarines, in a system that has been in place since the Cold War. Japan does not allow nuclear weapons on its territory.

U.S. and Japanese officials in charge of defense and foreign affairs decided Saturday to hold regular talks on how to boost the effectiveness of the defense system, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said on condition of anonymity, citing protocol.

They also agreed to increase efforts to encourage North Korea to return to international disarmament talks.

Kurt Campbell, U.S. assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs who attended the meeting, told Japanese public broadcaster NHK that a first meeting is expected in Washington in several weeks.

Bombing probe points to Malaysian terrorist

By BEN STOCKING
The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Suspicions hardened Saturday that the fugitive leader of a Southeast Asian terrorist group masterminded suicide bomb attacks on two American luxury hotels in Indonesia's capital that killed seven people.

Investigators examined body parts and other forensic evidence in an attempt to identify the two bombers. They confirmed the death of a third Australian in Friday's blasts — bringing the number of confirmed foreign fatalities to at least four — and said their earlier toll of eight had included the two bombers.

Terrorism experts said they strongly suspect the attacks were orchestrated by Noordin Top, a Malaysian fugitive who heads a breakaway faction of the Southeast Asian militant network Jemaah Islamiyah.

"I'm 200 percent sure this was his work," said Nasir Abbas, a former Jemaah Islamiyah leader turned police informant who has worked with police on investigations into Indonesia's last three terrorist attacks.

The bombers posed as guests attacked the J.W. Marriott and Ritz-Carlton hotels in Jakarta, setting off a pair of blasts that wounded more than 50 people, authorities said.

A police investigator also told The Associated Press on Saturday that Noordin was the most likely suspect.

"Considering the target, the location and content of the bombs, it was clearly the work of Noordin," the investigator said, declining to give his name because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media.

He said police had confiscated handwritten notes, a cell phone and a bomb encased in a laptop computer from room 1808 of the



DITA ALANGKARA/AP

Indonesian soldiers stand guard Saturday outside the Ritz-Carlton hotel in Jakarta, Indonesia. Investigators worked Saturday to identify a pair of suicide bombers who attacked two American luxury hotels in Indonesia's capital

Marriott, where the bombers had apparently prepared for the blasts.

The investigator said a hotel receptionist told police that the man who checked into the room gave his name as "Nurdin." He gave a \$1,000 cash deposit because he had no credit card, he said.

Authorities have not officially named a suspect, but suspicion quickly fell on Jemaah Islamiyah or its allies. The al-Qaida-linked network is blamed for past attacks in Indonesia, including a 2003 bombing at the Marriott in which 12 people died.

Officials have identified five of

the dead — three from Australia, one from New Zealand and one from Indonesia. The Health Ministry initially reported the death of a Singaporean, but police said they were unable to confirm that.

Australian Foreign Minister Stephen Smith said Saturday after meeting with his Indonesian counterpart that the dead included Trade Commission officer Craig Senger.

Officials said 17 foreigners were among the wounded, including eight Americans and citizens of Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, South Korea and Britain.

Asian talks to focus on N. Korea

The Associated Press

BANGKOK — The United States is expected to trumpet its comeback onto the Asian scene after years of neglect as a major security conference tackles the seemingly intractable issues of North Korea's nuclear threat and political repression in Myanmar.

Asia's "two devils" will hold center stage at the annual Asian Regional Forum that begins Wednesday amid hopes that a united front could be forged among enough of the 27 forum members to exert pressure on North Korea and Myanmar.

"The presence of Asian countries, especially China, may help the U.S. communicate its concern

more effectively to North Korea. Even if there is no breakthrough, this is a good opportunity to have a discussion that goes beyond condemnation," says Chaiwat Khamchoo, an international relations expert at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University.

The United States, represented by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, will join foreign ministers of Asian nations, plus Russia and the European Union. North Korea is sending a lower-level official to the meeting on the Thai resort island of Phuket.

Security also looms as a concern at the conference itself and an anxious Thai government has dispatched some 10,000 security forces to Phuket to ensure peace.

Proposals rejected in Honduras crisis

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — A representative of Honduras' interim government says its delegation at talks lacks the authority to accept all the terms of Costa Rican President Oscar Arias' plan to end the crisis.

Vilma Morales says it would be up to Honduras' Congress and its courts to accept Arias' proposals and not up to interim President Roberto Micheletti's government.

Arias on Saturday proposed to resolve the conflict by reinstating ousted President Manuel Zelaya as head of a national unity government, holding early elections and issuing a general amnesty.

From The Associated Press

SCIENCE & MEDICINE

"It is the thinnest known material in the universe, and the strongest ever measured."

Andre Geim, physicist, University of Manchester, England

Thin but very STRONG

Graphene production advances give scientists high hopes for future uses

By ROBERT S. BOYD
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Imagine a carbon sheet that's only one atom thick but is stronger than diamond and conducts electricity 100 times faster than the silicon in computer chips.

That's graphene, the latest wonder material coming out of science laboratories around the world. It's creating tremendous buzz among physicists, chemists and electronic engineers.

"It is the thinnest known material in the universe, and the strongest ever measured," Andre Geim, a physicist at the University of Manchester, England, wrote in the June 19 issue of the journal Science.

"A few grams could cover a football field," Rod Ruoff, a graphene researcher at the University of Texas, Austin, said in an e-mail. A gram is about 1/30th of an ounce.

Like diamond, graphene is pure carbon. It forms a six-sided mesh of atoms that, through an electron microscope, looks like a honeycomb or piece of chicken wire. Despite its strength, it's as flexible as plastic wrap and can be bent, folded or rolled up like a scroll.

Graphite, the lead in a pencil, is made of stacks of graphene layers. Although each individual layer is tough, the bonds between them are weak, so they slip off easily and leave a dark mark when you write.

Potential graphene applications include touch screens, solar cells, energy storage devices, cell phones and, eventually, high-speed computer chips.

Replacing silicon, the basic electronic material in computer chips, however, "is a long way off ... far beyond the horizon," said Geim, who first

discovered how to produce graphene five years ago.

"In the near- and medium-term, it's going to be extremely difficult for graphene to displace silicon as the main material in computer electronics," said Tomas Palacios, a graphene researcher at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. "Silicon is a multibillion-dollar industry that has been perfecting silicon processing for 40 years."

Government and university laboratories, long-established companies such as IBM, and small start-ups are working to solve difficult problems in making graphene and turning it into useful products.

Ruoff founded a company in Austin called Graphene Energy, which is seeking ways to store renewable energy from solar cells or the energy captured from braking in autos.

The Pentagon is also interested in this new high-tech material. The De-

fense Advanced Research Projects Agency is spending \$22 million on research to make computer chips and transistors out of graphene.

Graphene was the leading topic at the annual meeting of the American Physical Society — a leading organization of physicists — in Pittsburgh in April. Researchers packed 23 panel sessions on the topic. About 1,500 scientific papers on graphene were published in 2008 alone.

Until last year, the only way to make graphene was to mount flakes of graphite on sticky tape and separate a single layer by carefully peeling away the tape. They called it the "Scotch Tape technique."

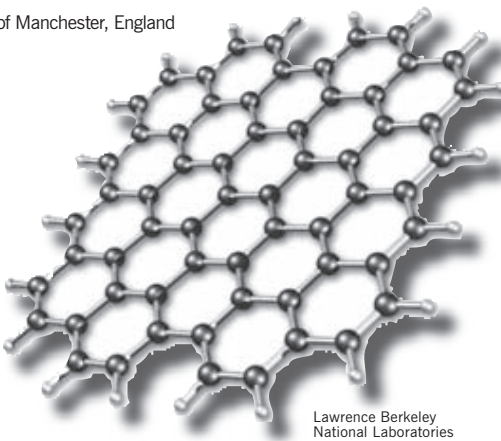
Recently, however, scientists have discovered a more efficient way to produce graphene on an underlying base of copper, nickel or silicon, which subsequently is etched away.

"There has been spectacular progress in the last two or three months," Geim reported in Science. "Challenges that looked so daunting just two years ago have suddenly shrunk, if not evaporated."

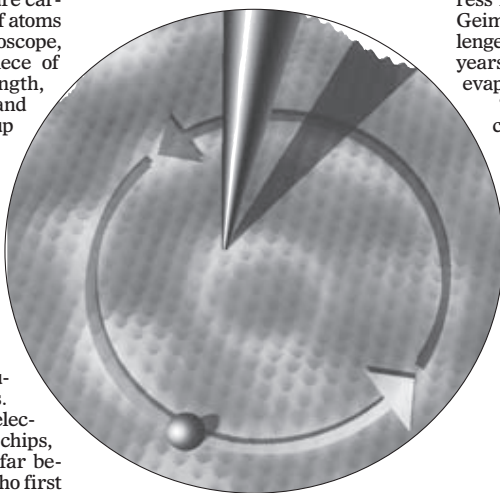
"I'm confident there will be many commercial applications," Ruoff said. "We will begin to see hybrid devices — mostly made from silicon, but with a critical part of the device being graphene — in niche applications."

A probe scans and maps the atomic contours of graphene, a single layer of carbon atoms arranged in a honeycomb-like array. Simultaneously applying a magnetic field causes electrons (ball) to organize in circular orbits.

National Institute of Standards and Technology illustration



Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratories



Jump in tremors detected

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Seismic tools buried in deep holes near the town of Parkfield, Calif., have found that tremors along the San Andreas Fault have increased up to 80 percent over four years, according to University of California-Berkeley seismologist Robert Nadeau.

The data, reported in a study published in the journal Science, may bring scientists closer to predicting potentially devastating quakes. The same pressure that stimulates tremors may also stimulate quakes. Quakes are brief and fairly shallow events; tremors are ongoing, low-level rumblings deep beneath the surface. In Parkfield, each tremor may last between three and 21 minutes.

"Tremors are very sensitive to stress changes. They can signal that there are deep stress changes going on that we hadn't detected before," Nadeau said. "They may give us useful information about the likelihood of earthquakes — if not now, someday."

— McClatchy-Tribune

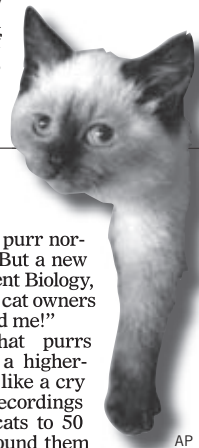
Cats purr-fecting their message?

NEW YORK — A cat's purr normally says, "I'm happy." But a new study in the journal Current Biology, suggests some purrs send cat owners a different message: "Feed me!"

Researchers found that purrs of hungry cats included a higher-pitched sound, somewhat like a cry or meow. They played recordings of those purrs from 10 cats to 50 human volunteers, who found them to be more urgent and less pleasant than contented purrs from the same animals.

Those food-seeking purrs may exploit the way humans respond to a baby's cry, the researchers suggest. Some cats apparently learn to use this strategy when they see it's effective in getting a human to feed them, Karen McComb of the University of Sussex in England said in a statement.

— The Associated Press



Poll: Science viewed less favorably

WASHINGTON — The share of Americans who see science as the greatest U.S. achievement is down sharply, even as individuals continue to hold scientists in high regard.

A new Pew Research Center poll indicates that 27 percent of Americans say the greatest U.S. achievements are in science, medicine and technology. That is down from 47 percent in a similar study a decade ago, the center reported.

Most Americans — 64 percent — see this country's science as "above average," but with advances by other countries getting increasing attention, just 17 percent say it is the best in the world.

There is the danger that the United States could lose its pre-eminence in science, and efforts to interest more young people in research are under way, said Alan I. Leshner, head of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

— The Associated Press



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Profitable banks still face tough road ahead

Despite posting impressive second-quarter numbers, health of industry is uncertain

By STEPHEN BERNARD
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The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The big banks are making big money again, but they won't be back to health as long as they have to deal with a recession and customers defaulting on mortgages and credit cards.

The impressive numbers included a \$3 billion second-quarter profit announced Friday by

Citigroup and \$2.4 billion for Bank of America. They followed similarly robust earnings for Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan Chase.

That the banks managed to turn a profit at all is remarkable. Just 10 months ago, many of them looked to be on the verge of collapse. The stock market staged a huge rally this week, driven by the signs of health in banking.

But Bank of America CEO Ken Lewis had some sobering words

during a conference call with Wall Street analysts after his company's results were released Friday: "Profitability in the second half of the year will be much tougher than the first half."

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Strip away those money-makers, and the banks have to rely on customers who are losing their jobs or earning less money. The banks will suffer as long as their customers do.

Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase and Citigroup Inc. all reported they lost more money on loans during the second quarter. Bank of America alone set aside \$13.4 billion to cover loan losses. But the banks also saw signs that loan delinquencies were starting to stabilize.

Celent analyst Isabel Schuarte said Bank of America's earnings tell the story of the financial industry.

"B of A's results are the bellwether of where Main Street is headed. Measured by credit losses, a moderation of default rates is not in sight," Schuarte said. "For the investment banking business of B of A, in contrast, the worst days seem to have passed."

President Barack Obama's top economic adviser said the signs of improvement displayed by the banks would not have been possible without government infusions, guarantees and other programs provided by the government.

"There is no financial institution that would be reporting the kind of positive results that we have seen in the last quarter but for the extraordinary public support provided by the government," said Lawrence Summers, the director of the White House's National Economic Council.

The profits announced this week raise more questions about when banks will be able to repay their bailout money. Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan Chase have already repaid their loans. Others, like Bank of America and Citigroup, have not.

"Moving forward, companies that are solvent and performing should be held to the promise to

repay the taxpayers with interest," said Rep. Darrell Issa of California, the top Republican on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which is convening a hearing next week on bailout oversight.

The banks that reported earnings this week cited similar trends:

■ **Mortgages:** Bank of America's second-quarter revenue was bolstered by a spike in mortgage refinancings as interest rates tumbled early in the quarter.

But rates have been climbing lately, and analysts expect that surge in refinancings to taper off. And more people are defaulting on mortgages.

■ **Credit cards:** Credit card losses tend to track the unemployment rate, and banks are expected to keep losing money on credit cards as more people lose their jobs. JPMorgan Chase, Citi and Bank of America all have

huge credit card operations.

■ **Investment banking:** By far the quickest recovery in the banking business has come in the investment banking sector, helping Goldman Sachs earn \$2.7 billion in the second quarter. Some of the rebound has come from the big stock market rally this spring. Companies also did well because there's less competition since Lehman Brothers and Bear Stearns went under.

Analysts say that besides the problems with loans, bank earnings may suffer because the country has less of an appetite for debt.

■ **Commercial real estate:** While home foreclosures are increasing, the commercial real estate market is expected to keep causing loan losses for banks. Rising store and office vacancies are cutting into landlords' and developers' cash flow, and leading them to default on their mortgages.

FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week		Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk High	52-wk Low
High	Low							
11,867.11	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,743.94	+32.12	+37	-37	-23.94	
5,293.41	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,313.95	-13.76	-41	-6.31	-33.77	
521.69	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	359.65	-2.63	-73	-3.00	-27.11	
8,633.14	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	6,038.11	-4.94	-08	+4.88	-28.58	
2,189.30	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,624.55	+8.81	+55	+16.24	-24.36	
2,473.20	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,886.61	+1.58	+08	+19.63	-17.35	
1,313.15	666.79	S&P 500	940.38	-36	-04	+4.11	-25.41	
828.09	397.97	S&P MidCap	589.00	-1.65	-28	+9.42	-26.41	
13,382.96	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,643.96	-12.15	-13	+6.13	-24.91	
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	519.22	-2.80	-54	+3.96	-25.09	

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)					AMEX					NASDAQ				
Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol	(00)	Last	Chg
BioAm	4237797	12.89	-28		PSCrudeDL	119687	3.98	+13		PwShs QQQ	961162	37.56	+20	
Citigrp	4053732	3.02	-01		Hemisphx	34494	2.11	+07		Intel	834731	18.79	+29	
GenElec	1731286	11.65	-75		GoldStr g	26223	2.21	+01		Cisco	685109	20.51	+39	
SPDR FndI	1348073	12.14	-08		EldorGld g	14304	9.21	+01		Microsoft	447957	24.59	-15	
SPDR	1253061	94.13	-02		GranTrra g	14101	3.74	+12		Dell Inc	362613	12.67	-08	
FordM	619196	6.14	+01		Tasako	9040	1.73	+02		ETrade	325786	1.23	-07	
JPMorgCh	611660	36.89	+76		NhtgM g	8531	2.30	-02		Yahoo	309712	16.84	+65	
WellsFargo	537313	25.00	+05		US Gold	8497	2.74	+01		HumGen	252903	3.32	-03	
ISHMkt s	537005	33.57	+34		AmoG&G	8376	1.02	+14		HuntBnk	232962	3.93	-19	
Pfizer	208854	14.96	-11		Nevsun g	7822	1.71	+18		Qualcom	229249	47.40	+68	

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg
Alliant Technosystem	...	18	79.89	-69	-0.8	
Boeing	1.68	14	41.36	-69	-3.1	
Computer Sciences	...	6	45.39	-03	-29.2	
General Dynamics	1.52	9	53.56	+1.20	+7.0	
General Electric	...	8	11.65	-75	-28.1	
Halliburton	...	36	14	21.38	-15	+17.6
Harris Corp.	...	80	13	30.09	+07	-16.4
Allied Signal	1.21	9	32.43	-40	-1.2	
L-3 Communications	1.40	10	70.67	-48	-4.2	
Lockheed Martin	2.28	10	81.09	-140	-3.6	
Northrop	1.72	...	46.94	-16	+4.2	
Raytheon	1.14	...	44.94	-56	-12.0	
Rockwell Intl.	1.16	12	35.02	-08	+8.6	
Texas Instruments	...	24	23.01	+67	+48.3	
Textron Inc.	...	08	8	10.19	+04	-26.5
United Technologies	1.54	12	53.80	-17	+4	

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	56.48	+08	+15.4	
Fidelity Spartan: EqlbInv	33.26	-02	+5.7	
Fidelity Invest: USBI	10.87	-02	+3.0	
Fidelity Invest: Oversea	27.01	-05	+7.7	
Fidelity Invest: Grolnc	13.64	+02	+4.1	
Fidelity Invest: AMGr50	12.22	-01	+14.3	
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	16.27	+01	+12.6	
Putnam Funds A: GrbA p	9.99	-01	+7.4	
AIM Investments A: CharTA p	12.74	-02	+5.7	
AIM Investments A: Const p	17.65	-01	+4.8	
Frank/Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	23.59	+04	+16.3	
DWS Invest S: Grolncs	11.97	-01	+10.1	
Fidelity Advisor T: EdnT	17.39	-02	+3.6	
Fidelity Advisor T: GrOpT	22.72	+04	+19.3	
DWS Invest S: Intl Fds	37.75	+04	+8.9	
Putnam Funds A: GblEqty p	6.99	-01	+9.7	
Lord Abbett A: DevGIA p	12.91	-03	+21.7	
Fidelity Advisor T: OverseA	14.20	-02	+5.7	
DWS Invest S: CorPfdnc	9.95	-01	+5.1	

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (July 20)	\$1.4449
Dollar buys (July 20)	€ 0.6921
British pound (July 20)	\$1.67
Japanese yen (July 20)	91.00
South Korean won (July 20)	1,233.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.6382
Canada (Dollar)	1.1163
China (Yuan)	6.8340
Denmark (Krone)	5.2659
Egypt (Pound)	5.5823
Euro	\$1.4139/0.7072
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7500
Hungary (Forint)	194.67
Israel (Shekel)	3.8870
Japan (Yen)	94.24
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2878
Norway (Krone)	6.3745
Philippines (Peso)	47.95
Poland (Zloty)	3.06
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7504
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4498
South Korea (Won)	1,266.40
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0746
Thailand (Baht)	34.06
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5219

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$937.20
Silver	\$13.398

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.16
30-year bond	4.54

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

\$13.4 billion

Amount Bank of America Corp. set aside to cover loan losses in the second quarter

High-profile abduction in Mexico solved — again

By KEN ELLINGWOOD
Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — Mexican federal police announced Friday they had cracked the country's most publicized crime of the past year: the kidnapping and killing of 14-year-old Fernando Marti.

Federal authorities paraded two suspects they said confessed roles in the abduction, which ignited huge anti-crime marches throughout Mexico after the boy's body was found Aug. 1 in the trunk of a stolen Chevy. Officials linked the suspects to kidnappings of 23 people and showed

pictures of the grimy Mexico City safe houses where the gang allegedly held its captives.

But wait. A separate band of alleged kidnappers is already in custody in the Marti case, arrested last year by Mexico City police and likewise paraded by city authorities with a note of triumph. With the newest arrests, law-enforcement officials appeared to have solved the Marti case — again.

In a nation where residents have little confidence in police, the latest wrinkle in the high-profile mystery could represent an investigative breakthrough. Or it

might turn out to be another embarrassing blow to the image of law enforcement.

Anti-crime activists asked Mexico City officials for clarification. Befuddled citizens were left to figure out whether anyone involved in the case got it right.

Fernando Marti, the son of the founders of a major sporting-goods chain, turned up dead even after his parents paid millions of dollars in ransom.

There was no immediate reaction to the latest news from the boy's father, Alejandro Marti, who has become an unofficial spokesman for millions of Mexi-

cans fed up with kidnapping and other crime.

The competing accounts appear hard to reconcile. Federal police said their two suspects, arrested Thursday in Mexico City, belonged to the so-called Petriciolet gang, whose alleged leader, Abel Silva Petriciolet, is at large. Last summer, Mexico City officials identified a separate gang, La Flor, as being responsible.

Authorities said the Petriciolet gang has kidnapped 23 people in and around Mexico during the past six years, capturing their victims by setting up fake police checkpoints.

The kidnappers targeted businessmen or their children and killed by drugging the victims' food and suffocating them, then dumped the bodies in stolen vehicles, police said. Officials said the group was responsible for Fernando Marti's death and at least seven other murders.

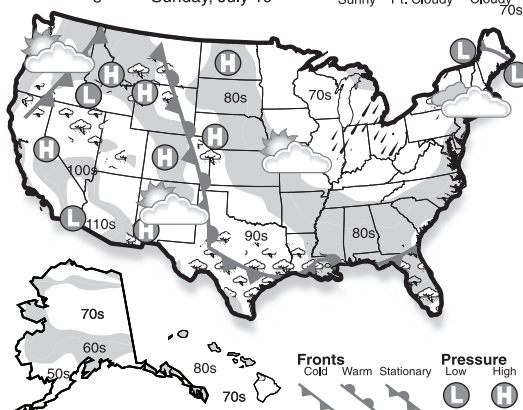
"This criminal organization is considered one of the most violent," the federal public safety ministry said.

Noe Robles Hernandez, 31, confessed to killing Marti, federal police said, while 34-year-old Jose Montiel Cardozo, allegedly watched over captives.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Sunday, July 19



Unseasonably Cool In East/Warm In West

Cool air and a few scattered showers will continue to progress through the East due to a large trough of low pressure. Warm temperatures will continue in the West, with warm air penetrating well into Canada.

Weather Underground • AP

Saturday's global temperatures

City Hi Lo Weather	La Paz 57 24 pc
Amsterdam 72 60 rn	Lima 68 63 rn
Athens 93 75 clr	Lisbon 75 62 clr
Auckland 55 42 rn	London 65 58 rn
Baghdad 105 82 clr	Madrid 85 65 clr
Basra 115 88 clr	Managua 89 75 rn
Bahrain 98 88 clr	Manila 79 73 rn
Bangkok 88 78 rn	Mecca 108 84 clr
Barbados 89 77 rn	Melbourne 55 35 pc
Barcelona 81 73 rn	Mexico City 78 55 clr
Beijing 73 68 rn	Montevideo 55 49 rn
Beirut 92 77 clr	Montreal 79 61 rn
Belgrade 90 69 pc	Moscow 82 59 pc
Berlin 84 59 rn	Nairobi 73 51 pc
Bermuda 84 78 rn	Nassau 93 80 clr
Bogota 66 53 pc	New Delhi 96 86 clr
Brasilia 77 58 pc	Nice 80 72 clr
Brisbane 67 44 clr	Osaka 82 78 rn
Brussels 70 59 rn	Oslo 73 51 pc
Bucharest 92 62 clr	Panama 91 77 pc
Budapest 89 64 pc	Paris 69 57 rn
Buenos Aires 63 47 clr	Perth 65 53 rn
Cairo 95 74 pc	Prague 86 60 rn
Calgary 79 54 pc	Rio de Janeiro 78 66 clr
Caracas 87 78 rn	Rome 93 71 pc
Colombo 84 73 rn	San Jose 84 69 rn
Copenhagen 78 57 rn	San Juan 90 81 rn
Dahran 109 82 clr	San Salvador 89 69 rn
Dhaka 91 81 cdy	Santiago 58 42 pc
Dili 88 73 clr	Sao Paulo 77 59 clr
Dubai 99 91 clr	Sapporo 71 59 cdy
Dublin 66 51 rn	Seoul 78 73 rn
Frankfurt 73 59 rn	Singapore 90 81 pc
Geneva 68 53 rn	Sofia 87 63 rn
Guatemala 78 62 pc	Stockholm 77 59 clr
Hanoi 84 78 rn	Sydney 59 49 rn
Harare 59 50 pc	Taipei 96 80 clr
Havana 93 75 clr	Tegucigalpa 82 67 rn
Helsinki 77 59 clr	Tehran 104 87 clr
Hong Kong 91 84 clr	Tel Aviv 90 71 clr
Islamabad 108 87 clr	Tokyo 82 73 rn
Istanbul 90 74 clr	Turin 78 66 rn
Jakarta 91 73 pc	Toronto 66 55 rn
Jerusalem 90 71 clr	Tunis 98 77 clr
Johannesburg 60 32 clr	Valletta 93 73 clr
Kabul 93 71 clr	Vancouver 87 60 clr
Kiev 88 72 pc	Vienna 88 63 clr
Kuala Lumpur 93 77 pc	Warsaw 81 66 rn
Kuwait 109 84 clr	Zurich 70 55 rn

MONDAY'S FORECAST



Saturday's U.S. temperatures

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Tobacco vs. alcohol

I am not here to argue that tobacco is good for anyone. I am writing to put things in perspective.

Listening to the radio recently, they were discussing the highest mortality rate for drugs and alcohol — how many die each year from a drunken or impaired driver; how many died from somebody smoking a cigarette?

I spent 30 years in the Marine Corps and witnessed many alcohol-related incidents that caused many problems within the Corps on Okinawa and elsewhere. I also saw how many deaths happened from alcohol. I have yet to see one active-duty Marine die from tobacco-related illness or incidents, although I am sure there have been some.

The powers that be have taken a stance where they want to condemn all smokers, and they continue to raise the price of cigarettes.

If there are so many alcohol-related incidents, and it is the highest death-related drug, then why can I buy a case of beer on sale for \$10? Why can I buy beer at the gas station? The shoppette continues to have sales on alcohol, which is the highest contributing factor to discipline problems, international incidents and death.

Let's compare alcohol-related incidents and tobacco-related incidents and see which has had a graver impact on the military and the community.

I am in no way endorsing tobacco or condemning alcohol. However, let's do what is right, not politically correct.

People need to wake up and face the real issues: Alcohol is killing more active-duty personnel, dependents and civilians than tobacco is. If the powers that be are going to continue along these lines, then what is the next item to be censored or removed because it is not socially or politically acceptable?

Master Gunnery Sgt. Alan Nichols
(retired)

Camp Kinser, Okinawa

Embed denial understandable

I read about [Stars and Stripes reporter] Heath Druzin and the denial of his embed into the 1st Cavalry on the CNN Web site.

As a journalist in the U.S. Army, I can understand when a unit begins to feel uneasy about the media due to their portrayal of the events, and why that unease can be harmful not only to our troops, but to the men and women back home who rely on reporters to get the story.

However, when a writer subjectively goes after the bad stories by refusing to meet with community leaders, or when he uses quotes out of context, it only makes this unease worse within a unit, making the mission all the more difficult for journalists who wish to report the whole truth, positive or negative.

If Druzin were innocent of these charges, then he should be grateful to get a chance

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to report on soldiers again and clear his name of the slander. Likewise, it would not hurt Stars and Stripes to send another reporter to the 1st Cav in his stead. A journalist should be a journalist, regardless of his personal feelings or motives.

Sgt. Cody Harding
Fort Riley, Kan.

Decision on dentist was right

The true tragedy of "Army dentist tangled in red tape over resignation" (article, July 14) detailed the plight of an Army captain who was trying to escape the remainder of her contract by resigning.

I am not sure what message the Stars and Stripes reporter was trying to send but, for me, the story was pretty disturbing, and it has nothing to do with the Army's bureaucracy.

According to the article, the dentist joined [the military] in 2002 to pay for three years of dental school bills and now has trouble finding resources to care for her 8-year-old son after being tasked with a 15-month deployment.

There are some things that bother me about the story:

1) She signed up post-9/11 to a service that deploys for long periods at a time.

2) She's receiving an inordinate amount of support from senior leadership because she's an officer.

As a single father who is currently deployed, my only hope is that she's better at dentistry than she is at finding resources for the long-term care of her son.

In addition, I thought it pretty peculiar that the reporter singled out by name the company commander who denied her request to resign. I would like to thank Lt. Col. Mark Gleisner for having the intestinal fortitude to make the right decision.

Staff Sgt. Tim Fair
Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar

Health risk unnecessary

On June 15, Combined Joint Task Force — 82 started prohibiting all Bagram troops

from wearing sunglasses while running during physical training from 5 to 7 a.m. Afterward, you're allowed to wear them. Its rationale, according to the command sergeant major, is not about safety but about "uniformity in formation." We don't run in formation here. So I'm confused.

In my opinion, wearing Army-issued sunglasses, PT or not, is all about safety. Sun rises at 4:45 a.m. It's bad enough runners have to deal with dust, vehicle exhaust, aircraft fumes, toilet stench and burn pits' smog, and now, the sun's ultraviolet rays.

Exposure to UV can cause cataracts, corneal and retinal damage and macular degeneration, which could all lead to vision loss.

It boggles me why 82nd is imposing this risky policy and all it says is "uniformity in formation." I understand the goal of uniformity, but unless I'm running in formation, I'll stick this one in my BARF (Brainless Army Rules Files) cabinet.

Some argue that they've been running without sunglasses for years and have no visual problems. Good for you, but unless you're an eye specialist, and our eyeballs are exactly the same, don't use this logic on me. If you want to run without sunglasses, go for it, but unless you can issue me eyeball sun block, don't tell me I cannot protect myself. I will not lose my vision for anyone, not for Uncle Sam, and certainly not for the 82nd.

For the sake of all Bagram troops' visual health, I implore the 82nd to rethink this policy, not apply some gung-ho Bragg mentality. Consider the harsh conditions, adjust fire and focus on the mission at hand.

Chief Warrant Officer 4
Edge Academia
Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan

Proud moment for war vet

As I was walking down the street at the Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, proudly wearing my Korea Combat Veteran hat, a young sailor stopped me, saying: "I saw your hat and just wanted to say thank you."

What a wonderful thing for a young sailor or to say to a war veteran! I was so pleased that I, in a state of great emotion, continued my walk, my breast sticking out, my head up straighter, my shoulders pushed back, while my mind drifted back to 1952-53.

I don't know who the sailor was. Let's just call him the unidentified wonderful young sailor who, with great kindness, displayed a sincere appreciation toward someone who had served his country during combat more than 50 years ago. On behalf of the remaining living Korean War veterans and all other combat veterans, I thank this young sailor for his wonderful thoughtfulness.

To that young sailor, as well as to all military servicemembers today, I too want to say thank you for the wonderful service they are providing to fellow citizens, particularly old folks who once also served their country to keep it safe.

Sal Grasso
Naples, Italy

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

If GOP can exorcise its current demons ...

BY DOUGLAS MACKINNON

I've found myself thinking lately about the tagline for a 1974 horror movie: "If this doesn't make your skin crawl, it's on too tight."

What brought the saying to mind? Most recently, it was Nevada Sen. John Ensign. And before that it was South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford, Sen. David Vitter of Louisiana and former Idaho Sen. Larry Craig.

I am a former Republican and now an independent conservative, and what is going on with the GOP right now makes my skin crawl. What has happened to the party of morals, character and traditional beliefs?

Ensign, Sanford and Vitter should join Craig in the private sector and resign immediately. Not because they cheated on their wives but because of their hypocrisy and the sleazy things they've done in concert with their philandering.

Too many of my Republican friends offer excuses: "Democrats do the same thing," they say. But that won't play with the American people.

The Republican leadership — especially any member of it who is thinking of running for president in 2012 — needs to step back and acknowledge that the party is damaged, dysfunctional and coming across as hypocritical. There was a time when Republicans stood for something, but today it's no longer clear what the party's basic tenets are or who speaks for it.

The party doesn't even seem able to field

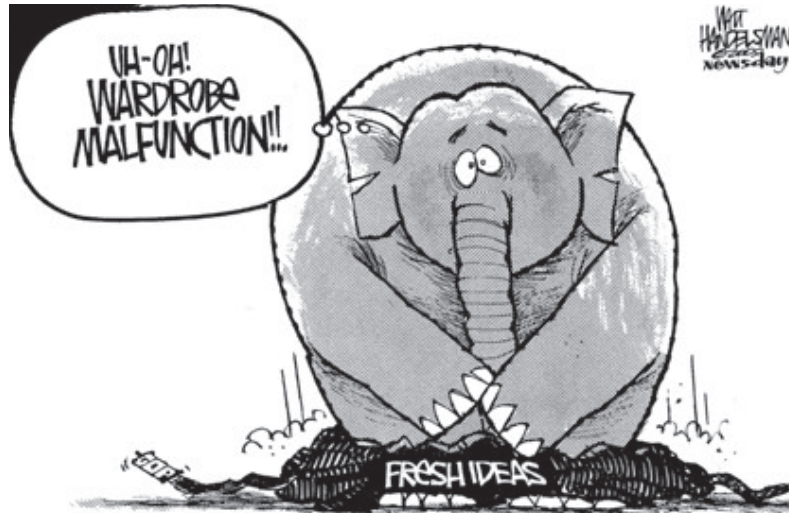
a presidential candidate who understands why he or she is running. As one high-level Republican friend said to me of the 2008 race: "McCain was like an old dog chasing a car. He wasn't quite sure why he was chasing the car, and wouldn't know what to do with a car if he caught it, but at that stage of his life, he felt he had to chase the largest car going by."

Now that it's the party on the outside looking in, the GOP has to stop sending out the next candidate in line to chase the largest car going by and instead figure out what it stands for and how to connect with the changing complexion of our nation. That, or prepare for political extinction.

So what can the party do? Two things. Reclaim the principles of honor, decency and morality, and connect with the extremely broad base of Americans who embrace those attributes.

Earlier this year, Mitt Romney and Jeb Bush — supported by Haley Barbour, John McCain and others — gathered at a pizza parlor in Arlington, Va., to announce something called the "National Council for a New America." But the true "new America" isn't one inhabited by older, wealthy, white politicians.

I'm a conservative who grew up in abject poverty and was homeless a number of times as a child. More often than not, as a white child, I found myself living — until the next eviction — in predominantly black neighborhoods. That's where I caught my



first glimpse of true American heroes: the single black moms who worked two or three jobs and did everything in their power to protect and advance their children. Today, I'm married to a Hispanic-American woman and have witnessed up front the true "family values" that American Latinos embrace.

To make itself relevant again, the GOP needs to shed the morally bankrupt leaders who have violated the trust of their families and their constituents and embrace a broader base, a broader definition of what

it is to be a conservative.

For what it's worth — and as one who comes from the unwashed masses — I'd tell the Republican leaders to go silent, get off the screen and get out among the American people for a few months and simply listen. Just listen. By doing so, they just might rediscover their lost convictions.

Douglas MacKinnon was press secretary to former Sen. Bob Dole. He is also a former White House and Pentagon official and a novelist. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

... the door is open for a return to prominence

BY WILLIAM MCKENZIE
The Dallas Morning News

Six months into the Obama administration, Republicans appear like a den of snakes, hissing about Sarah Palin's future, Mark Sanford's dalliance and Barack Obama's agenda.

But not all is lost. Obama is setting up the issue that could help return them to power in six to eight years. His charisma alone will be hard to beat in 2012, but his swelling of the federal debt eventually could return the country to the GOP.

So there's a way out, but first, we must understand the elements of today's GOP snake pit:

E-mail conservatives: This is where you'll find many devoted social conservatives, who still take their cues from Rush Limbaugh and the e-mail blasts from GOP headquarters and forward the links. They pounce on anyone in the blogosphere who deviates from the conservative line. These newly wired-up netrooters are the latest manifestation of the GOP base.

Elected conservatives: The congressional backbenchers might be as conservative as the wired base, but they also know they need votes to pass bills.

Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, is a good example. Deeply conservative on issues like energy economics, he'll lead the opposition to many Democratic energy ideas. But he also has partnered with Democrat John Dingell of Michigan to pass proposals.

It will be interesting to see if any elected conservatives peel off and join Democrats on health care or, later, immigration reform.

Fiscal conservatives: Rep. Jeb Hensarling of Dallas and Arizona Rep. Jeff Flake typify the inheritors of the GOP's Robert Taft wing. Like the late Ohio Republican, their first question is: How much does

that cost?

That's a good impulse and, if they're smart, they won't drive away moderate Republicans equally passionate about excessive spending. If they form a broader network, fiscal conservatives could lead the party out of their snake pit, especially if Obama doesn't control the debt.

Social moderates: You find these GOP outliers in statehouses like California, where Arnold Schwarzenegger governs, and in key positions in the Senate, where both parties court centrists like Maine Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe.

Libertarian thinkers: Brainy grads from prestigious schools gather to form ideas in places like the Cato Institute and The Federalist Society. Their concepts can be too theoretical, but their proposals

— and staffers — give the GOP intellectual energy.

The easy way would be for Republicans to unite behind a charismatic figure, but that person probably won't emerge by 2012.

That's not all bad, because they need time to work out a strategy. Obama gives them the core by proving so willing to run up the debt, which is headed to its highest ratio of GDP since World War II. In six years or so, many more Americans will wonder how they got saddled with such a burden.

Yet the GOP will need more than fiscal responsibility. Even the flinty Taft couldn't get to the White House in the 1950s on prudence.

Here are two more issues they should consider:

[President Barack Obama's swelling of the federal debt eventually could return the country to the GOP.]

Champion public schools as the great assimilators: Public schools are a primary way immigrants assimilate into America. George W. Bush understood this and focused like mad on education. By building on his record, Republicans could show they care about Latinos.

Reclaim national parks as a GOP issue: My family and I just spent two weeks bouncing around national parks in New Mexico and Colorado. The more I thought about these vast lands, the more I thought Republicans should reclaim their roots. Teddy Roosevelt was the ultimate parks president and, by embracing these needs, the GOP could show that enjoyment of public lands and conservation are consistent with conservative values.

Republicans will need other issues, of course, and plenty of time. Don't expect the snake pit to calm down soon.

William McKenzie is a Dallas Morning News editorial columnist.

Prickly City



BY SCOTT STANTIS



Police: Man burned car he hated

NY FREEPORT — Most drivers who don't like their car either trade it in or sell it.

Police say a Long Island resident set his on fire "simply because he hated the car." Further details about the alleged motive were not immediately given.

Nassau County police say a surveillance camera recorded the 18-year-old torching the 1992 BMW on July 10. At the time, it was parked 30 inches from his apartment building.

Governor orders officials to take furlough days

HI HONOLULU — Hawaii Gov. Linda Lingle ordered the state's top government leaders to take two unpaid days off each month in an effort to set an example for unionized public workers.

Lingle has been blocked by the courts from forcing furloughs on most state employees, but she is able to cut the hours and pay of 42 executive branch officials, including herself and her 17 Cabinet members.

Sex offender sues city over distance ordinance

VT MONTPELIER — A lawyer for a convicted sex offender has asked a Vermont judge to make a final ruling in the man's battle against the city of Barre, which told him to move.

The Barre-Montpelier Times-Argus reports Christopher Hagan sued the city in May, arguing that it didn't have the authority to pass an ordinance that prevents sex offenders from living within 1,000 feet of schools and recreation areas.

The city agreed to stay enforcement for two months or until a court rules on Hagan's motion for a preliminary injunction in the suit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Hagan was accused in 2001 of sexual assault as a result of what he claimed was consensual sex with a 15-year-old. Hagan, then 18, pleaded guilty to a lesser charge.

Colony of bats found in apartment complex

TX HOUSTON — Some nocturnal neighbors aren't welcome at a Houston apartment complex.

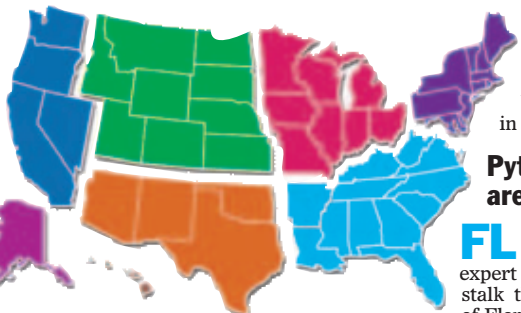
A colony of bats is being removed from the second story of a building.

KHOU-TV reports video shot by a resident shows some of the estimated 150 or so bats flying out of part of the structure. The video was shown to managers.

Apartment manager Gloria Barkat says she was "astounded" to see so many bats. She started the process to remove the furry creatures.

City offers loan to struggling newspaper

MA BOSTON — Boston Mayor Tom Menino says the city is willing to offer a \$200,000 loan to prevent the city's financially struggling African-



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

American weekly newspaper from shutting down permanently.

The 44-year-old Bay State Banner suspended publication and laid off 12 employees this month, blaming a steep drop in advertising.

Menino tells The Boston Globe that the loan will come from the Boston Local Development Corp., a private nonprofit administered by the Boston Redevelopment Authority that provides cash to struggling small businesses. The free paper has often been critical of Menino, but the mayor says the loan is not an attempt to curry favor, but to help a business that's important to the minority community.

The Banner's executive editor had no comment on the loan.

Woman faced threat: Date or deportation

NC RALEIGH — A Durham, N.C.-based immigration services officer is accused of threatening to have a Salvadoran woman deported unless she agreed to spend the night with him, according to federal agents who arrested him.

Bedri Kulla, 48, of Morrisville, N.C., was arrested on a charge of blackmail while working in the Citizenship and Immigration Services office in Durham. That office handles applications and petitions for citizenship, work visas and other immigration matters for the Raleigh-Durham area. His arrest was based on harassment accusa-



Reel good times

Legacy Mitchell, 9, left, watches Kwuntarius Coates, 11, during the 24th Annual Fishing Derby for children at MacArthur Park Pond in Little Rock, Ark.

tions that Xiomara Blanco, a 23-year-old Salvadoran woman, brought to authorities in April.

Python hunters are on the prowl

FL FORT LAUDERDALE — A crew of expert snake handlers will stalk the wilderness fringes of Florida's western Broward and Palm Beach counties to catch and decapitate Burmese pythons, in a campaign to prevent the nonnative constrictors from extending their range beyond Everglades National Park.

Just a small group of snake killers will participate in the initial hunt, as the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission assesses whether this is a feasible way to control a bizarre threat to South Florida's native wildlife.

The snake hunters will travel along roads and levees in the Holey Land, Everglades and Francis S. Taylor wildlife management areas, where hunters shoot deer and hogs.

The men engaging in the hunt are people from the reptile industry, which largely has been blamed for the problem.

Former state worker: Love made me steal \$11M

CO DENVER — A former Colorado Department of Revenue supervisor says love for her ex-boyfriend led her to steal \$11 million in unclaimed tax refunds from the state.

The ex-boyfriend, Hysear Randall, is on trial in Denver on charges of theft, forgery, computer crime and racketeering.

Michelle Cawthra testified that she deposited unclaimed tax refunds and other money in Randall's bank accounts over two years by forging documents and creating fake businesses. She said she frequently used computer passwords of other workers so she wouldn't be detected. "I did things I don't think I otherwise would have done had I not been in love with him," she testified.

Randall, who is married, is accused of using the money to pay for delinquent child support, land deals, diamond jewelry, cars and business ventures.

Police: Burglar returns to house, apologizes

NJ RAHWAY — Police in central New Jersey say they arrested a man on burglary charges after he returned to the victim's house to apologize.

Rahway police arrested 35-year-old Craig Fletcher of Elizabeth shortly after the homeowner told them a man had just rung his doorbell, apologized for the break-in and run off on foot.

The homeowner said he interrupted the June 29 burglary. He chased the burglar, who had stuffed three laptops and an Xbox game console into a backpack. The intruder threw the bag down and got away.

Fletcher was also charged with a second burglary in the same neighborhood.

He was taken to the Union County Jail in lieu of \$60,000 bail. Police did not know whether he had a lawyer.



Recess! A pair of pronghorn antelope fawns play in the sunshine at the Queens Zoo in New York. The siblings, who will be able to run comfortably at 60 mph when mature, were introduced to the public recently.



Just getting started This endangered snow leopard cub was born in May at Utah's Hogle Zoo in Salt Lake City. Snow leopard cubs are born helpless, with their eyes closed, and rely for several weeks on their mothers for nutrition. Healthy cubs quickly grow; born at less than one pound and about 10 inches long, the cat will likely triple his current weight in just a few months.



Spaceflight history The Apollo 14 command module is shown at the Apollo Treasures Gallery during the Apollo 40th Anniversary Celebration at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla.



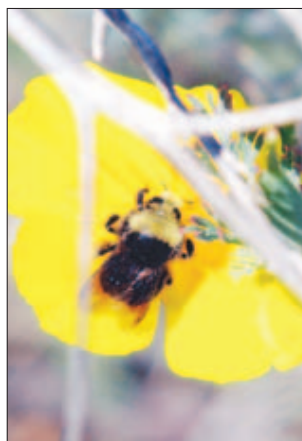
Gone fishing

Dozens of fishermen using dipnets catch salmon on the Kenai River in Anchorage, Alaska. Across the inlet, Redoubt Volcano continues to steam, despite its low eruption level.



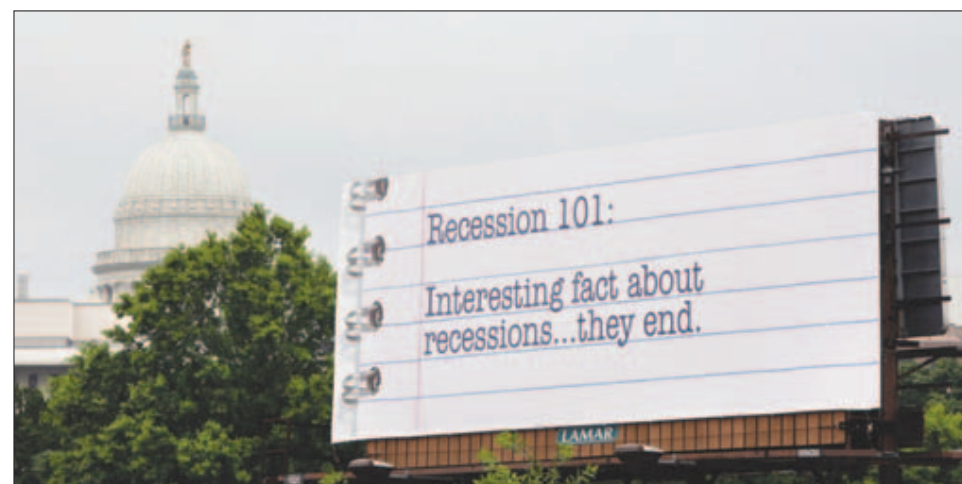
Showin' their stuff

National Aviation Hall of Fame inductees Patty Wagstaff, top, and Sean D. Tucker flew over the National Museum of the United States Air Force and the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio. Both will be flying in the 2009 Vectren Dayton Air Show.



Bumbling around

A yellow-faced bumblebee gathers pollen on a California poppy outside Ruch, Ore. The Xerces Society has received a \$458,000 grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service to work out the best ways to restore habitat for native insects around farmland, where they pollinate crops and prey on pests.



This, too, shall pass

A billboard appears along Interstate 95, with the statehouse at left background, in Providence, R.I. The "Recession 101" campaign, which started in Rhode Island this month, was funded by an anonymous East Coast donor who was depressed about the way the country was reacting to the economy's tailspin. It's appearing on over 1,000 billboards across America.

Second settlement reached in VA deaths

IL EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL. — The second of two Kentucky widows has settled her federal lawsuit over surgical care they say killed their husbands at an Illinois Veterans Affairs hospital where major surgeries have been halted for nearly two years after a spike in patient deaths.

Terms of Darla Marshall's settlement over 61-year-old James Marshall's July 2007 blood infection death six days after his lymph node biopsy at the VA hospital in Marion were not disclosed in online court records.

Another widow, Katrina Shank of Murray, Ky., last year settled for \$975,000 her lawsuit involving Robert Shank III, an Air Force veteran who was 50 when he bled to death in 2007 a day after undergoing gallbladder surgery at the Marion site.

Both were patients of surgeon Jose Veizaga-Mendez, who resigned in August 2007, three days after Shank died.

Within a month of Shank's death, surgeries at the Marion site — which serves veterans from southern Illinois, southwestern Indiana and western Kentucky — were halted after the VA found that at least nine deaths between October 2006 and March 2007 were "directly attributable" to substandard care there.

Former Marine fights big cat with chainsaw

WY CODY — A man says he used his chainsaw to fight off a starving mountain lion that attacked him while he was camping in the Shoshone National Forest.

Former Marine Dustin Britton of Windsor, Colo., says he raised the chainsaw he had been using to cut brush and inflicted a six- to eight-inch gash on the 100-pound lion's shoulder.

The animal retreated, leaving Britton with a small puncture wound on his forearm. Wildlife agents later shot the lion after it attacked a dog brought in to track the animal.

Passenger allegedly took controls of train

NY NEW YORK — A witness has told police that a Long Island Rail Road engineer let a passenger operate a train bound for New York City.

The witness told police that he saw a passenger in the cab without the engineer during part of the run.

The railroad calls the allegations "extremely serious and troubling."

Starbucks locations get localized makeover

WA SEATTLE — When is a Starbucks not a Starbucks? When it's a 15th Avenue Coffee and Tea.

The ubiquitous coffee-shop giant is dropping the household name from its 15th Avenue East store on Capitol Hill in Seattle, a shop that was slated to close at one point last year but is being remodeled in Starbucks' new rustic, eco-friendly style.

It will open soon and will be the first of at least three remodeled Seattle-area stores that will bear

the names of their neighborhoods rather than the 16,000-store chain to which they belong.

Names and locations for the other two shops have not been finalized. If the pilot goes well in Seattle, it could move to other markets.

Transgender woman alleges discrimination

NY NEW YORK — A former mail room clerk for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation says she was fired from her job because she is a transsexual.

Chanel Birden says co-workers made fun of her and called her vulgar names because of her gender change.

The 27-year-old Harlem resident says she worked in the department's Central Park mail room for two months until she was fired.

She filed a lawsuit in Manhattan alleging gender discrimination. The lawsuit asks for unspecified damages.

Three on trial in alleged hate-crime beating

ID BOISE — Independence Day 2008 had barely begun when Raylen Smith made a quick run to Wal-Mart to buy milk for his cereal.

Federal prosecutors said that while Smith browsed the aisles, four shoppers he'd never met plotted an attack, then jumped him in the parking lot — all because he is black.

The hate crime trial of Michael Bullard, Jennifer Hartpence and Richard Armstrong began in Boise's federal court with opening arguments and initial testimony. The fourth person indicted in the beating, James Whitewater, pleaded guilty to conspiring to violate rights.

\$14M award upheld in drunk driving accident

WA OLYMPIA — The Supreme Court in Washington state unanimously reinstated a \$14 million award to a family who sued a tavern and a bartender after one of the bar's customers drove away from the establishment and collided with their car, leaving a 7-year-old-boy a paraplegic.

Washington state's justices noted that a forensic consultant found that the bar patron — Hawkeye Kinkaid — likely drank the equivalent of either 21 12-ounce beers or 30 ounces of 80-proof alcohol, and probably had a blood alcohol content of 0.32 at the time of the collision. The legal threshold in Washington state is 0.08.

Kinkaid was drinking at the Bellingham Moose Lodge, about 90 miles north of Seattle, just before the April 2000 accident.

Kinkaid's girlfriend, Alexis Chapman, was a bartender at the lodge and served him the night of the accident.

After Kinkaid left the lodge, he drove his car across the center line of a road in nearby Ferndale, striking the car of Bianca Faust of New York City, who was driving with her two children and infant grandchild.

Kinkaid was killed and everyone in Faust's car was injured, including 7-year-old Christopher.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

As intelligent, feeling beings, closure is an important part of our development. Most of us like to complete a pattern before we begin a new one. The next two days are about sorting through our true feelings, tying up the loose ends and, wherever necessary, forgiving ourselves and others. In order to start a new chapter, we first must let go.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 20).

Love and respect flow through your life this year. It's a positive year for your finances, too. You take control, make a few key changes and get on the path to wealth. Your professional life steadily evolves. You absorb what you want to know and quickly move into a new level of knowledge and skill at work. Love signs are Scorpio and Libra.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You'll discover that simply taking action is not enough. Your moves have to be inspired to work. Luckily, you are filled with the internal fire and fortitude to make a remarkable difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You have the energy to tackle an entire litany of demands but only the ones that are from you to you. You're not in the mood to do what other people want you to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You hate to interrupt the flow of action, but if you don't, you'll watch an entire group scurry down the wrong path. It's up to you to tell the other "lemmings" there's a cliff ahead. Redirect them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Life is not likely to unfold in the way you imagined or in the time frame you laid out. However, the intention you set will come into being. Knowing this, you can relax and be happy in whatever way it comes to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

Do you remember how you spent the day yesterday? Write it down and give

it a good look — this is a portrait of your life. A realization will come out of the exercise that improves your tomorrows.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

You are getting glimpses of a future you're not sure you want to own. Small adjustments will make a difference. Closing the door and saying goodbye to an old issue will be part of the process.

Holiday Mathis



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

You notice everything, including if people's shoes match their bags and who likes whom and how much. No one can keep a secret from you, even if they wanted to. Use what you learn constructively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You're easy to be around. Your phone rings with offers. Those who seek your company enjoy the way you make them feel — safe enough to let down their guard and be honest and funny, if not somewhat irreverent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

You're in charge. You might feel like you're being bossy, but that's what the boss should be. If those you direct have an accommodating attitude, it will be easier to issue your requests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You'll take a step that would seem to an outsider to be minor. But you know that you've done something meaningful and this is just what you need to create some magical momentum toward your dream.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You don't want to complicate things, especially when it comes to your friendships. Therefore, leave the land of limbo. Make a decision about how you want things to be. A relationship hangs in the balance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Don't worry your pretty head. There will be a time and place for you to pull up a chair and eat at the sweet banquet of success. Keep working with a sunny, hopeful attitude.

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Difficulty: Very Easy

Fill in the boxes so that each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Yesterday's solution

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Beetle Bailey



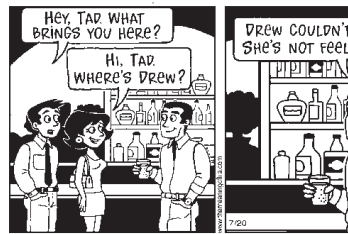
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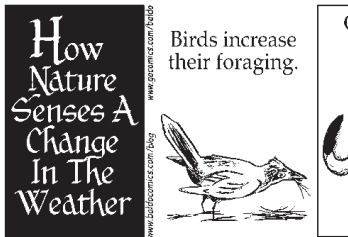
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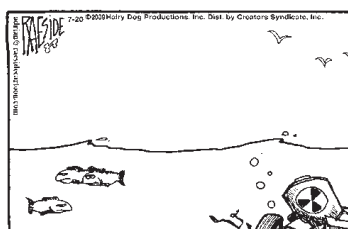
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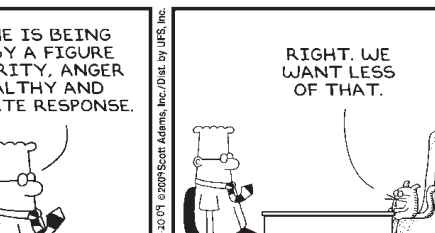
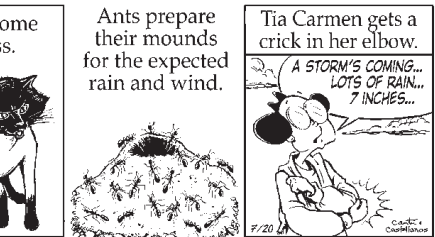
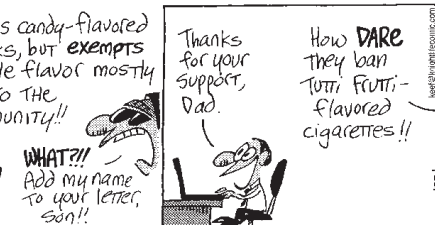
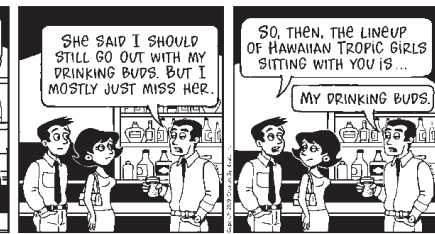
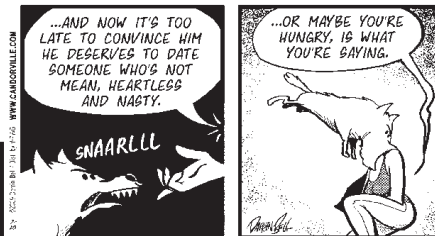
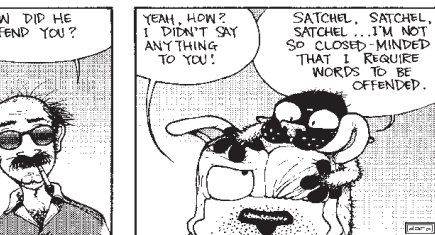
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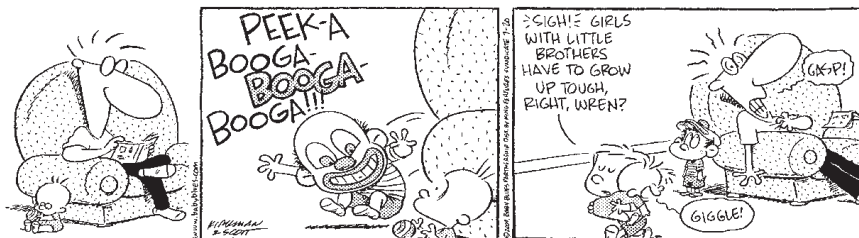
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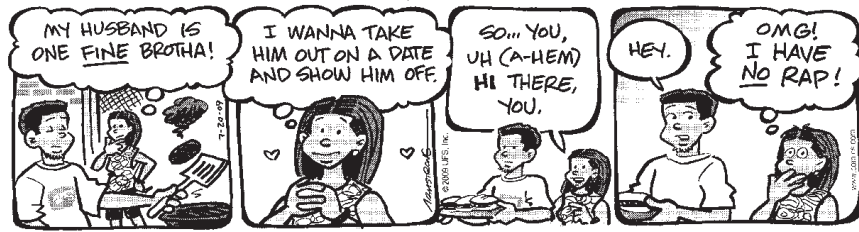
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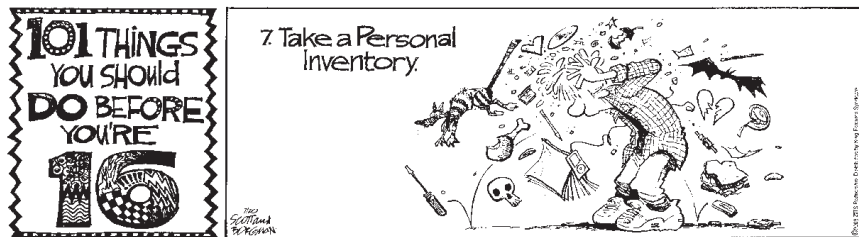
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Jump Start



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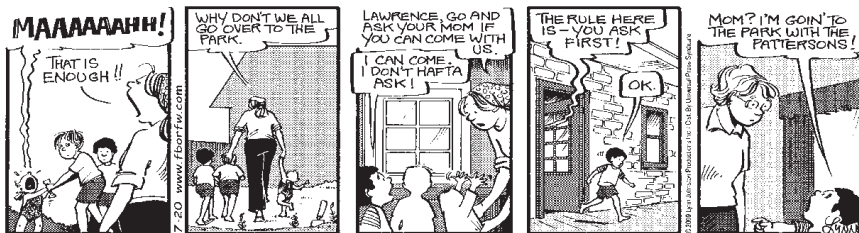
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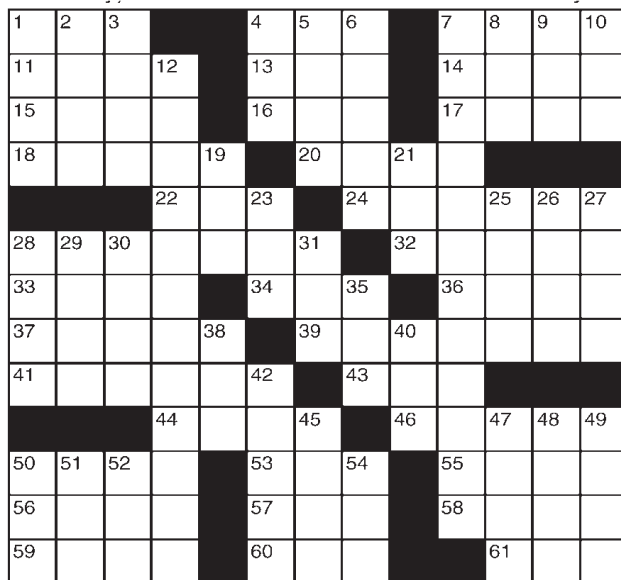
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



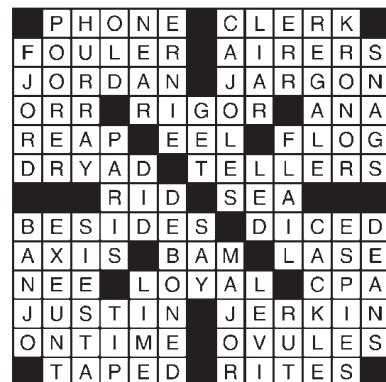
ACROSS

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- 4 Small ammunition
- 7 Rope
- 11 Felonious flights
- 13 A billion years
- 14 Do as you're told
- 15 Buckeye State
- 16 Excessively
- 17 Not pre-recorded
- 18 They get in the whey
- 20 Aspic creation
- 22 Intention
- 24 South American prairies
- 28 Santa's runway
- 32 Woo
- 33 Loosen
- 34 Satchel
- 36 Incite
- 37 Corpulent
- 39 On the — (discreetly)
- 41 Shredded
- 43 Diamond stick?
- 44 Squad
- 46 Carries on
- 50 Greek vowel
- 53 Dog's hand
- 55 Enjoying greatly
- 56 New Zealand bird
- 57 Time of your life?
- 58 iPod model

DOWN

- 1 United nations
- 2 Hawaiian island
- 3 Eastern potentate
- 4 Wager
- 5 Prosperous period
- 6 Pry
- 7 2003 Civil War movie
- 8 Kimono closer
- 9 Gun the engine
- 10 Decorate Easter eggs
- 12 Malt-shop setup
- 19 Perch
- 21 Varnish
- 23 Unruly group
- 25 Knitting stitch
- 26 Jason's ship
- 27 Hasenpfeffer, e.g.
- 28 Oxidation result
- 29 Aware of
- 30 Stench
- 31 Cushion
- 35 Sailor
- 38 Calendar abbr.
- 40 Series of skirmishes
- 42 Pontifical
- 45 Creche trio
- 47 Rodents do it
- 48 Sicilian volcano
- 49 Any time now
- 50 Mamie's man
- 51 Lubricate
- 52 Pair
- 54 Marry

Answer to Previous Puzzle



7-20

CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN MY FRIEND SAID "I ONLY WEAR GLAMOROUS DESIGNER DRESSES," WAS THAT A FASHION STATEMENT?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals E

Shock at dumpster-diving friend

Dear Abby: I live in a major metropolitan area, so I am not unfamiliar with the sight of people who are down and out and living on the streets.

Recently, while walking to work, I came face-to-face with an old acquaintance. We had dated briefly more than 10 years ago, but parted amicably. Abby, he had a shopping cart containing his belongings and was going through a trash bin and yelling at passers-by! I didn't know what to do.

I pretended I didn't see him and continued on my way. I am barely scraping by, but probably could have offered him a few dollars. Now I feel guilty for not offering support. What would you have done?

— **Guilt-ridden in the City**
Dear Guilt-ridden: If I had been caught flat-footed (literally) as you were, I probably would have reacted the same way you did. But after having a short while to

think about it, I would have realized that homeless individuals who yell at passers-by are usually mentally ill people who have gone off their meds. What your old friend needs is to get into a program that will help him get off the streets and medicated back to reality.

If you know any members of his family, contact them and tell them you have seen him. Many street people have lost touch with their loved ones, and their families do not know how to find them. If that's not possible, look for shelters or other programs that reach out to and provide help for mentally ill homeless people.

Dear Abby: One of my relatives' driver's license was suspended, and she has little hope of getting it back. This person drives on a regular basis, as much if not more often than I do, usually with her children.

My problem is she offers rides

to my children. I refuse her offers because I'm not comfortable with her driving them under these circumstances.

Could you please tell me what would happen to my children if they were with her and she was pulled over?

— **Under Pressure Out East**
Dear Under Pressure: According to my local police department, if your children are in the car when your relative is stopped, the police will try to contact you by phone. If they're unable to locate you or the children's father, your children would then be taken to the police department. If you are still unreachable, child protective services would be called.

It is your responsibility as a mother to ensure your children's safety — and in this case that means you should NEVER allow them in a vehicle with a driver whose license has been suspended.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>
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Dear Abby



JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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NEW Jumble iPhone App go to: www.bit.ly/15QkRq

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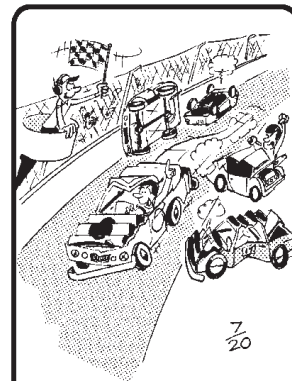
(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's

Jumbles: FUROR DRYLY NEWEST UPHELD

Answer: Can be heard with false teeth — TRUE WORDS

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



WHAT THE DRIVER DID IN THE DEMOLITION RACE.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

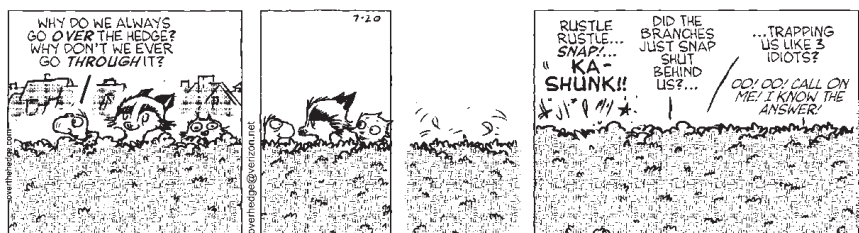
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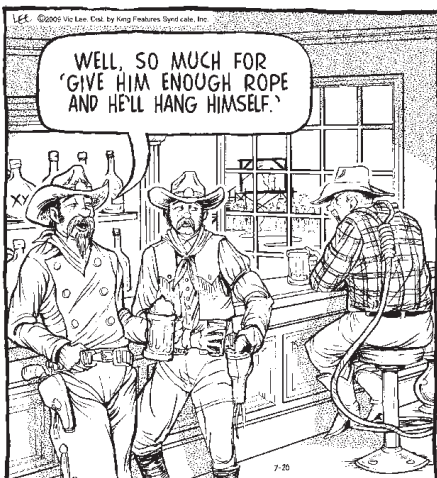
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Over The Hedge



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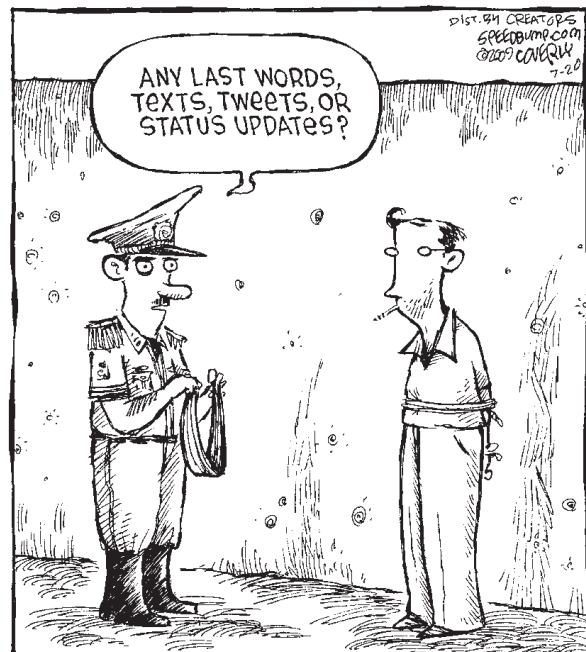
Non Sequitur



Strange Brew



Speed Bump



AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
15:00	Entertainers	(2:15) Movie "Jumanji" (1995) Robin Williams.	(:07) Movie "Forget Paris" (1995) Billy Crystal. A man tells his fiancée about his friends' stormy marriage.	Huckabee	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations	Fit For Duty Battleground	Star Trek: Voyager "The Fight"	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30									
16:00	In Touch-Dr	SpongeBob SquarePants		FOX Report	Dirty Jobs "Plumber" Plumbing.	Week-Pentagon Army Newswatch	Heroes "Unexpected"	Sports	Sports
16:30	T.D. Jakes	SpongeBob SquarePants							
17:00	The Coral Ridge Hour	Be the Creature "Meerkat"		This Week at War	Beyond the Wild Blue: History of U.S.A.F.	The Grill Sergeants	King of the Hill		
17:30	The Pure Life		Movie "Frenzy" (1972, Suspense) Jon Finch. A man is wrongly suspected of committing a rash of murders.	Glenn Beck	The Chris Matthews Show ESPNews	Recon	That '70s Show		
18:00	Austin City Limits Performance.	America's Funniest Home Videos			20/20	FNG Useful benefits.	The King of Queens		
18:30							Everybody-Raymond		
19:00	MotorWeek	So You Think You Can Dance	Movie "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" (2004, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate.	Newsroom	Today's Air Force	Top Chef The chefs cook and serve lunch at Craft.			Sports
19:30	At the Movies				Fit For Duty				
20:00	Digging for the Truth "Cleopatra: The Last Pharaoh"	Smallville "Bulletproof" Lana confronts Tess.		Week-Pentagon All Hands TV	Medium "The Devil Inside, Part Two" (Part 2 of 2)	Battleground Recon Revisited	Dirty Sexy Money "The Plan"		
20:30				Today	Kitchen Nightmares "Fiesta Sunrise"	Week-Pentagon National Guard News	Mad Men "Babylon" Office romance.		
21:00	Essex: The True Story of Moby Dick	90210 "The Dionysian Debate"	(8:49) Movie "The Run-down" (2003, Adventure) The Rock, Seann William Scott.	CBS News Sunday Morning	Headline News	Around the Services	Devil's Brigade	Outside the Lines	Sports
22:00	Anthony Bourdain: No Reservations	Touched by an Angel "My Brother's Keeper"	(:34) Movie "Cat People" (1982, Horror) Nastassia Kinski, Malcolm McDowell.		Saturday Night Live	Around the Services		Sports Reporters	
23:00	Dirty Jobs "Plumber" Plumbing.	7th Heaven "Do Something"		Face the Nation		Around the Services	Law & Order "Scrambled"	Sports	
23:30									

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009

00:00	Beyond the Wild Blue: A History of the U.S. Air Force	So You Think You Can Dance Two dancers are eliminated.	(10:34) MovieCat People	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	Comics Unleashed Two and a Half Men	Around the Services	24 "Day 6: 12 Noon-1PM"	(11:00) Sports	(10:00) Sports
00:30						Fit For Duty			
1:00	Sports	Smallville "Bulletproof" Lana confronts Tess.	(:22) Movie "Scarface" (1983, Crime Drama) Al Pacino, Michelle Pfeiffer, Steven Bauer. A Cuban immigrant fights to the top of Miami's drug trade.	Meet the Press	NCIS "Dead Man Walking"	The Benning Report	Grey's Anatomy "From a Whisper to a Scream"		Sports
1:30						The Grill Sergeants			
2:00		90210 "The Dionysian Debate"		America's News HQ	Cold Case "Lonely Hearts"	VA News	Prison Break "Sona"	Sports	
2:30						This Week in the Pentagon			
3:00		Touched by an Angel "My Brother's Keeper"	(:26) Movie "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" (2004, Comedy) Will Ferrell.	Newsroom	20/20	Army Newswatch	NUMB3RS "All's Fair"	Sports	
3:30						FNG Useful benefits.			
4:00		7th Heaven "Do Something"		Your Money	Medium Allison's stalker continues to infiltrate her dreams.	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Stand-In"		Sports
4:30						Today's Air Force	Friends		
5:00	Sports	Teletubbies	(:15) Movie "The Run-down" (2003, Adventure) The Rock. A bounty hunter must find his boss' son in the Amazon.	America's News HQ	Kitchen Nightmares "Fiesta Sunrise"	Recon	Kiana's Flex Appeal		
5:30		Bear in the Big Blue House				The American Veteran	Denise Austin's Getting Fit		
6:00		Sesame Street		Fareed Zakaria GPS	Good Morning America	USARJ This Week	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives		
6:30						The Grill Sergeants	Paula's Home Cooking		
7:00		Peep-Big World	Entertainers	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	This Week in the Pentagon	Giada at Home	Sports	
7:30		Handy Manny				Army Newswatch	Living Fresh		
8:00	Sports	Dora the Explorer	The Big Tease	FOX Report	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet		Sports
8:30		The Upside Down Show	Entertainment Tonight			Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.		(:15) Sports	
9:00		Raggs	Movie "Stone Cold" (2005, Mystery) Tom Selleck, Mimi Rogers, Jane Adams.	State of the Union With John King	The View		Mad About You "The Caper"		
9:30		Aladdin					Living Single		
10:00		Bratz		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30		Animaniacs	(:41) Movie "Birdy" (1984, Drama) Matthew Modine, Nicolas Cage, Sandy Baron. An injured Vietnam vet is obsessed by a desire to fly.	Newsroom	Judge Alex	FNG Useful benefits.			Sports
11:00	Sports	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!				This Week in the Pentagon	E! News		
11:30		Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!				Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	This Week	SpongeBob SquarePants		Huckabee	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "By Any Other Name"	Sports	
12:30		SpongeBob SquarePants		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	EXchange on Air			
13:00	Meet the Press	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	(12:49) Movie "Desperately Seeking Susan" (1985, Comedy) Rosanna Arquette, Madonna, Aidan Quinn.	Larry King Live	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Roseanne "To Tell the Truth"		
13:30		WordGirl				Downrange	Girlfriends "Judging Edward"		
14:00	Wall Street Journal Report	Play With Me Sesame		60 Minutes	General Hospital	FNG Useful benefits.	Emeril Live	Sports	
14:30	ESPNews	LazyTown				Recon			
15:00	Sesame Street	The Brady Bunch	(2:47) Movie "Awakenings" (1990, Drama) Robert De Niro. An experimental drug revives victims of sleeping sickness.	State of the Union With John King	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Designers' Challenge	SportsCenter	
15:30		The Brady Bunch				Battleground	The Soup		
16:00	The View	Movie "The Little Rascals" (1994, Comedy) Travis Tedford, Bug Hall.		This Week in the Pentagon	Oprah Winfrey	Tour of Duty	Survivorman	Sports	Sports
16:30				Up to the Minute		This Week in the Pentagon			
17:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainers	Face the Nation	Wheel of Fortune	VA News	King of the Hill		
17:30					Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		
18:00	Judge Alex	Duel Masters	Entertainment Tonight	Newsroom	Wall Street Journal Report	EXchange on Air	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
18:30	The King of Queens	Kim Possible			Around the Services	Army Newswatch	The Colbert Report		
19:00	Access Hollywood	The Fairly OddParents	Movie "The Other Boleyn Girl" (2008) Natalie Portman, Eric Bana. Sisters compete for the affections of King Henry VIII.	Fox and Friends First	60 Minutes	Briefing Encore	Doctor Who Doctor and Martha are in danger.		WWE SmackDown!
19:30	Judge Judy	Growing Up Creepie		Today	NCIS "Collateral Damage"	Fit For Duty	Reaper Ben wants to introduce Nina to Sock and Sam.		
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Hannah Montana				Battleground Recon			
20:30		Unfabulous		Today	Big Brother 11	This Week in the Pentagon	Ghost Whisperer Melinda tells Sam about her gift.		Party Monsters: Cabo
21:00	General Hospital	Smallville "Subterranean"	(:07) Movie "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" (2003) Cameron Diaz. Private detectives try to retrieve cryptic information.	America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Wife"	Sports	Chappelle's Show
21:30					The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Recon Revisited	Friends		The Man Show Highlights.
22:00	Days of our Lives	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Spring Training"		Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Today's Air Force	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		
22:30						Downrange	The Colbert Report		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	7th Heaven "I Hate You"	(10:58) Movie "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes" (1953)						
23:30									

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00:00	Wheel of Fortune	The Fairly OddParents	Gentlemen Prefer Blondes	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	The American Veteran	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	(11:00) Sports
00:30	Jeopardy!	Growing Up Creepie	(:44) Movie "Marathon Man" (1976, Suspense) Dustin Hoffman, Laurence Olivier, Roy Scheider. A graduate student is at the mercy of a Nazi war criminal.		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			
1:00	Headline News	Hannah Montana		Happening Now	Judge Judy	The Grill Sergeants	Criminal Minds "The Boogeyman"		
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	Unfabulous			CSI: NY "Outside Man"	Around the Services	NCIS "Shalom"		WWE SmackDown!
2:00	60 Minutes	Smallville "Subterranean"		Newsroom		Downrange			
2:30						All Hands TV			
3:00	NCIS "Collateral Damage"	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Spring Training"	(:02) Movie "The Other Boleyn Girl" (2008) Natalie Portman. Sisters compete for the affections of King Henry VIII.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	Men in Trees "Kiss and Don't Tell"	Sports	
3:30						State Dept Briefing			
4:00	Big Brother 11	7th Heaven "I Hate You"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Wife"		Party Monsters: Cabo
4:30						Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(:09) Movie "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" (2003, Action)	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	Today's Air Force	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	Chappelle's Show
5:30	Tonight Show-Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House			Headline News	The American Veteran	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome is Burning	The Man Show Highlights.

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Yokosuka, Japan - 1994 Honda Rafaga Sedan 4dr car up for sale is a dark blue automatic it has about 91,000 km, cold ac, pw, power lock, CD player, dual airbags, seats 5, abs, and comes with 2 extra tires. \$1000 OBO vehicle is located on Yokosuka base great reliable car with no problems. Good gas saver. JCI until sep. 09 asking \$1000 please call 0468-07-3743 or email snowboygyu21@yahoo.com

Yokota - \$1,000 buys a 1996 Toyota Ipsum. Awesome dual AC, Ipod ready with great stereo, seats 6, fabulous "Vegas-like" interior that absorbs child droppings. JCI till next year. Call Tim at 09093664615 (Yokota). Available July 25th.

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Baby Items 200

Zama - New Play house: \$100, Eddie Power Baby Back pack: \$30, White Baby crib with bed-d i n g : \$ 5 0 , 080-5688-0996/263-8976

Bicycles 220

Zama - Boys 26 inch bicycle. NEXT Power Climber 18 speed knobby tire street bike. Needs new inner tubes other wise like brand new condition, \$50. Two Symphonic color televisions 27" for \$75 and 19" for \$50. Email ed_major@hotmail.com

Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - Huge bag w/ older boy clothes & shoes my son just filled a huge bag w/ clothes & shoes. Clothes are mainly sizes 12/14 & a few 14/16 (S, M, L, and XL). There are a few pairs of Jeans that are brand new. There are Nike Sets, P.J.s, shirts, shorts, and more. The shoes are Youth size 6-There are Nike's, Van's, and more (these shoes are for a "boy", however, my daughter also wore some of them). This whole bag is priced to sell now: \$25 for ALL (I also have an ad on Yokota Ads for huge, heavy bags of girl clothes & woman's clothes). Please call if you have any questions. We have to downsize now! Please Call 916-473-4488

Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - Large shirts I have 5 shirts that I ordered from Pac sun. I ordered the wrong size. There is 1 billabong, 1 famous Stars and Straps, 1 Hurley, and 2 Zoo York. They have never been worn and still have the tags on them. Asking \$15 each you can call me at home 858-368-6861 or my cell 080-4053-9238. Thanks.

Computers 360

Yokosuka, Japan - Apple Cinema display 24" monitor - Brand new original sealed with all accessories complete also comes with 12months international warranty. Email: bryanmolina55@yahoo.com Call: +447024077572

Yokota, Japan - 13" apple mac book cover must sell-absolutely nothing wrong w/ it-my son just changed the color & no longer needs this one. Very simple to keep clean--great way to protect your 13" mac book from scratches, etc, while adding color. This is a 13" mac book hard shell see-thru cover--red in color--by speck. We paid \$50 for this. My son is only asking \$10. Please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Japan GPS JR Road Portable Navigation System Windows powered, English GPS Navigation System for use in Japan. Searches by Address, Station, Markin Points, Points of Interest, Phone Number, & Map Code (English, Japanese, Chinese Capability) 4" LCD Screen with touch panel & speaker Paid \$500 asking \$450 Please call 210-547-9918 or email thepampereidstamp4@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Sony Vaio Desk Top 1 year old Desk top. Wireless Modem built into screen. Comes with brand new keyboard and mouse. 22inch screen with built in web cam. Processor: Genuine Intel CPU T2080 @ 1.73GHZ 1.73GHZ Memory: 3.00 GB RAM System type: 32-bit Operating System Asking \$1000 Please call Cynthia 1-773-634-7758 or email cmfrh28@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - The Sims 2 I have the Sims 2 and 9 expansions packs. I don't play anymore. Asking \$10 each Call 858-368-6861 or email j1d9m@yahoo.com

Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - 4 drawer cherry dresser perfect for a little extra space in great shape. A few small nicks, but looks great. Asking \$75 Call Jill Piparo 407-373-1382

Yokota, Japan - Leather sectional couch must go! Leather Couch needs to go before move. Asking price is flexible as long as you can transport it out of tower unit. Each piece can fit in the back of an empty van. Three pieces, great quality. Asking \$150 OBO Call 323-786-7989 or email acerafney@yahoo.com for more information

Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - Sofa and love seat warning: You could be come very lazy. Clean and in good shape I'm going on another PCSing soon, so decided to try and sell them before I leave. If not I'll put in storage. 080-3720-0665-ask for F. Call 080-3720-0665 or email fhwampner@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Toddler Bed Very new, hardly used white toddler bed with mattress. Can deliver anywhere in Yokota. Asking \$60 Please call 090-9837-0640 or email m_barliam@yahoo.com

Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokota, Japan - 2 practically new Gibson Air conditioners only used for a few days. Bought from BExtra for \$88.00 asking \$65 OBO, selling because they are no longer needed willing to deliver free! Thanks a lot. Please call 916-473-5339 or email theunstaed@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Honeywell Quiet Care 17000 Air Cleaner This is for the unit only. It needs the refill filter \$49.95 sold at the BX and carbon filter. Asking 20 OBO Call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Kenmore Freezer Due to PCSing. I am selling our chest freezer. This is great for a family. Works great, we use it every day. Asking \$75 OBO email or call Jane at 225-7522

Yokota - Kenmore Washer and Dryer for \$269 PCSing back to the states? Buy a washer and dryer here and have TMO ship it for you. Both are in awesome shape. I did short tour before here and I forgot I had them in my HHGs. My apartment has a Japanese Washer/Dryer already installed. Call me at 080-4227-8269 or email mr.brandon.chamberlain@yokota.af.mil

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - 4th of July Items /Kitchen items /more downsizing now must sell. Absolutely nothing wrong w/ anything. Most of the items I forgot I had, & never used. My loss, your gain these items are all perfect if you plan on having company over for 4th of July celebrations, or any gatherings/BBQ's in the future. 1) Large bag filled w/ misc. 4th of July items (one is a Flag that waves & plays diff. music), flickering candle-can be used as nightlight too, Hallmark ornaments, Halloween decor (not scary), Window clings that say "happy birthday", & much, much more. Whole bag-\$10.00 2) huge, heavy bag filled w/ misc. kitchen items-most are still brand new-this would be perfect for list-name brands too. Huge bag - \$35 please call Angela 916-473-4488

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Lots of different kitchen items--must go now brand new-Blue color-hard plastic SET of 6 plates, 6 hand cups, 6-forks, 6-spoons, 6-knives, Pour-All Pitcher, 4-cups-\$15 brand new-Le Crest set Enamelated Stoneware Lasagna sized Baking Pan-bed, bath,& beyond bought on Kiwi color Paid \$65. Asking \$25 OXO set includes: Large Fruit/Salad spinner, Soft Handled set of 7 measuring cups w/ egg w/ separate, set of 6 measuring spoons all matching. Paid over \$45 Asking \$12.50 Tupperware Beverage Dispensers w/ Spout in front-\$8.50 each (HAVE 2) Small Storage Container-\$2.50 Please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Really nice full/Queen bedding set must sell now! No reasonable offer refused. This set is really nice no bold/wild prints or anything. It has soft, natural, neutral colors (browns, light browns, accent light blue) Can match just about any decor I took everything to the cleaners!! Everything you need for bedding set, & plenty of extras. I paid about \$600 for this set. I was hoping to get \$160 (willing to accept payments if need be), or best offer. It's all sitting here, in org. bags, ready to go. Please call if you'd like to see it all in person. There is a lot! So sorry, I do not have pictures as everything is in the bags now, ready to go. This really is a nice set. Must go now please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Small / Medium size Sewing Box & MORE Small to Medium Size Sewing Box. The base is purple in color w/ a clear lid. Inside, there is a magnetic place to hold needles, storage on side. You can lift that area up for more storage underneath. There's also an area to hold plenty of thread-this also lifts up for tons of storage underneath. Asking \$5.00 if not home, please leave a message. Thank you, p.s. if you do other craft projects, I have a craft cutter as well, exc. shape-\$10 (this is also great for scrapbook-ing, cutting paper/pictures, ETC.) Price to go now please Angela 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Toy box 3 1/2ft by 3ft plastic toy chest. Tan with blue top (removable) \$30. Also I have PS1 Wii games and stuff I have a good old fashion PS1 with all kind as games controllers n such. Asking \$100 Please e m a i l B e n meangreenparts@yahoo.com

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - 37" LCD TV & Bose System Package First off this is a great deal, were selling for about half off of what we paid. 37" RCA LCD TV SRS, sound Great condition about a year old. We bought in the states for \$800 Bose 2 speaker & Subwoofer Bought at the BX for \$500. 720-257-6786 or skip592@hotmail.com \$700 OBO for both or \$350 a piece

Yokota, Japan - Play station 2. It comes with everything and it works great. Asking \$50 if you are interested in buying it, please give me a call 080-3730-8811 Ask for Star or e m a i l hewianawife80@gmail.com

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - 37" RCA LCD TV w/ HDMI Input updated we're looking to get maybe a 42 or 47 inch TV. I think we've had this one for a little over a year. Nothing wrong with it, the TVS been great for us just looking to get something bigger I don't have the model number right now, but if you email me I'll get it. Please send emails to skip592@hotmail.com we'll sell to the highest bid we receive. Right now the offer is at \$280

Yokota, Japan - Nintendo Wii, NIB Signed by Jared - The Subway Guy Nintendo Wii, brand new in box. Box autographed by Jared Fogel (aka "The Subway Guy"). Items in box have been inventoried. Comes with Wii Sports \$225 OBO Also for sale Nintendo Wii Fit - New in Box \$75 will sell both together for \$290 you can also call 229-375-5570

Yokota, Japan - Nintendo Wii Package - Like New - Includes Games! Like NEW - Includes Wii Sports. Love the Wii, but I do not have nearly enough time to enjoy it! Includes original packaging and Wii Sports \$225 OBO Also for sale Nintendo Wii Fit - New in Box \$75 will sell both together for \$290 you can also call 229-375-5570

Zama - Two Symphonic color televisions 27" for \$75 and 19" for \$50 E m a i l ed_major@hotmail.com.

Homes/Apts for Rent - US 866

Cherry Point 3 BR/2 BA newer Home for Rent. 1/2 acre lot on quiet cul-de-sac, \$1250/Month in New Bern, NC (20 min to M C A S) . C o n t a c t kariperson@juno.com for pix and info.

House for RENT Ft Meade area-4bdrm,3bthrm,3car grg,fenced yrd,gardner included. Call 410-627-4013.

Jewelry 610

Yokota, Japan - Sterling - Twisted Sterling Silver bracelet and earrings with sky blue Cats Eye beads. Bracelet is designed with Sterling memory threads so it contours to the shape of your wrist. Originally bought for \$49.99 but I outgrew the dress I use to wear it with. Asking \$25 Please call Sarah 903-386-0550

Outdoor Living 775

Yokota, Japan - Lawnmower for Sale Murray 22" 4.5 hp Quantum, Mulches, Self-propelled throttle-free design. Lawnmower is 3 years old. Orig. price \$349 asking \$75 Please call 214-261-6361 or email mneeley@armed-svc.com

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PCS Sale 780

Yokota, Japan - PCS SALE - Multiple house items for sale curtains - fit off base windows, 2 panels per set, 12 different sets, 85cm long X 110cm wide per panel up to 254 cm long X 100cm wide per panel, neutral colors-outstanding condition! Set of 3 recycle bins, handles, lids, 33 liters each. Full size sauteen sheet set, 100% cotton, 300 thread count, in package--never opened, color sage. Vicks brand humidifier Adjustable shelves, holds 30kg, 63cm X up to 93 cm over washer/utility adjustable shelving unit. Outdoor water hose, on reel 30 meters have more pictures upon request. Please email mail4merlot@yahoo.com

Pets 820

Yokota, Japan - 2 Ferrets brother and sister they have their shot records. They come with cage food litter and lots of other stuff. They are friendly and dissented. They range from 180-300 each off post. We need to get rid of them due to friends kids are allergic. Call Jon or Deb at 267-6601 or 090-6560-0442 asking \$200

Yokota, Japan - A cute/well behaved dog for FREE I have a poodle mix puppy (about 10 months old) for free to a good home. He is energetic and fun, but he is well trained so he knows his limits. At the moment he is puppy pad trained, but he would be easy to train to go outside. He comes with everything we have for him, lots of toys, a kennel, 2 bags of food, clothes, bowls etc. He has all of his shots and he is fixed. We love him very much and he is very smart. We are only getting rid of him because we're not supposed to have a dog and we shouldn't have bought him in the first place. That is the only reason. Call me anytime and we can meet so you can meet him. We can't come home leave a message. Please call 407-373-1380

Yokota, Japan - Diamond watchman goby 2inch saltwater fish \$10, Maroon yellow stripe clown fish 1.5 inch saltwater fish \$15 Call (323)338-7553 or email mdfisherman@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Male Blue Min pin for sale great with kids. We just don't have time for him. A year old very good family dog Asking \$700 OBO Call 813-200-9345 or email little_mearny_babe@yahoo.com

Zama - Long Haired Chihuahua puppy. Cream and white female. Born on June 25th, she'll be ready to go to her new home at 8 weeks old on August 13th. Email 458winmag@gmail.com for pictures. Call 080-3540-6107. \$500/obo. She's on Zama, but delivery can be arranged to Atsugi, Yokota, Yokosuka.

Zama - Shiba Inu puppy for sale! He is 7 weeks old and comes with everything. Kennel, Leash, Food bowl, Shampoo, Brush and Food. He is very sweet, we have to give him away due to allergy. Asking \$350 OBO Call Stephen DSN# 267-6101, CELL 08058798314 or by email: palmer_mia@yahoo.com

Pet Accessories 822

Yokota - For Sale - Large Dog Kennel 39x30x22 \$35. If interested please call 763-354-3551 and ask for Mike.

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - GAZELLE EDGE With your Gazelle Edge, you'll use the muscles of both your upper and lower body in an easy gliding motion to burn calories, firm muscles and improve your cardiovascular endurance. Ideal for all fitness levels, the Gazelle's unsurpassed range of motions lets you go from a slow walk to a full run with no sudden stops. You can achieve a challenging aerobic workout without sacrificing your knees due to its low impact nature. Asking \$20 Call 1-904-229-0534

Miscellaneous 1040

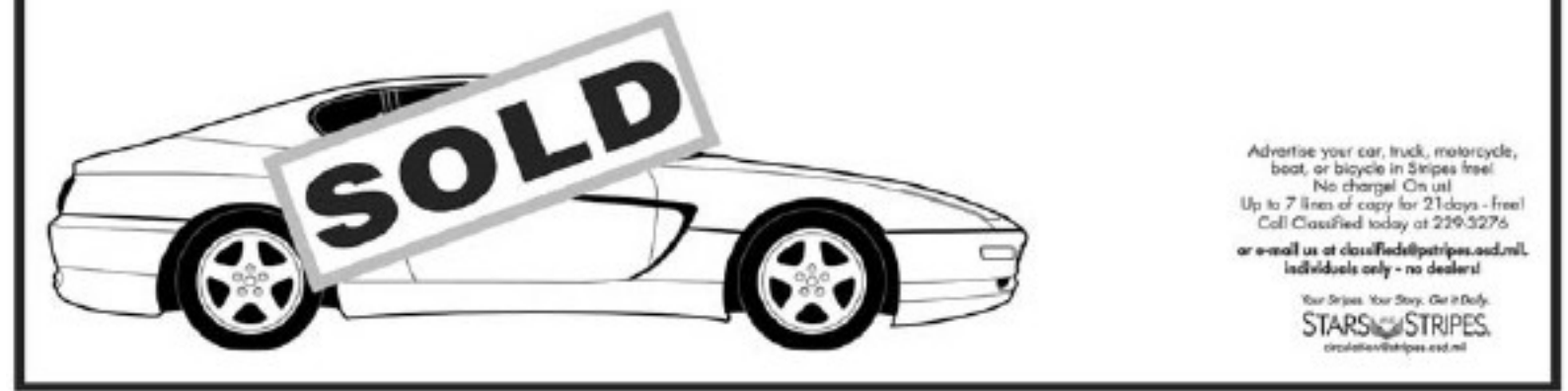
Atsugi - Late spring cleaning listing rummage sale! In Step bike trailer/charriot only used once and is in new condition, asking \$75 firm. Fisher Price reinforced themed baby bouncer in like new condition, asking \$25. Fender Statocaster Sapphire blue Fender in Mexico right handed guitar in brand new condition (and never played) asking \$400. I bought the guitar for spouse for Christmas when I was stateside and imported it myself and I bought the wrong hand guitar, comes with soft carry case. Do you speak Spanish and seeking Spanish princess books for your favorite princess? Disney M Version de la historia la Cenicienta y La Madrastra still wrapped in package- asking \$5. Comb baby walker in like new condition bought out in town, will give your little one entertained for hours! asking \$50. Please contact Ann 090-7220-4952 for inquiries.

Yokota, Japan - Jon & Kate plus Eight - DVD - Seasons 1, 2, un Like new Jon & Kate plus 8 Seasons 1 & 2, and Season 3 DVD packages! These cost about \$25/each new. Get it here for half-price! Asking \$25 for all 3 seasons! Please call 813-200-9377 or email juddebean@gmail.com. Thanks and make it a great day!

Yokota, Japan - MUST GO NOW-DVD movies & Music CD's DVD movies-\$3.50 each Fantastic 4-PART 1 Fantastic 4-Rise of the Silver Surfer-PART 2, Barbie and the Nutcracker, Iron Man, We Were Soldiers, No Reservations, First Daughter, Akelah and the Bee, Ladder 49, The Patriot, Extended Cut, new release-Storm Cell Please call 916-473-4488

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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Monday
AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.—MLB: Philadelphia at Florida.
AFN-Xtra, 2 a.m.—MLB: Seattle at Cleveland.
AFN-Sports, 3 p.m.—MLB: Detroit at N.Y. Yankees.
AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.—MLB: Houston at L.A. Dodgers.
AFN-Xtra, 5 a.m.—MLB: L.A. Angels at Oakland.
AFN-Sports, 7 a.m.—MLB: N.Y. Mets at Atlanta.
AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.—MLB: Minnesota at Texas.
AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.—Miscellaneous: ESPY awards.
AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.—Drag racing: NHRA, Northwest Nationals.
AFN-Xtra, 2 p.m.—MLB: Chivas USA at New England (dld).
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—Cycling: Tour de France, Stage 15, Pontalier-Verbier (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.—MLB: Tampa Bay at Kansas City (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—Golf: British Open, final round (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 11 p.m.—MLB: Boston at Toronto (dld).

Tuesday
AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.—MLB: Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—MLB: Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: Florida at San Diego.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—MLB: St. Louis at Houston (dld).
AFN-Sports, 11 p.m.—MLB: Boston at Texas (dld).

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Pro basketball

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	11	2	.846	—
Connecticut	7	6	.538	4
Washington	6	6	.500	4½
Chicago	8	4	.667	3
Atlanta	7	9	.438	5½
Detroit	4	7	.364	6
New York	4	7	.364	6
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	11	4	.733	—
Minnesota	9	6	.600	2
Seattle	9	6	.600	2
San Antonio	6	7	.462	4
Los Angeles	4	8	.333	5½
Sacramento	3	12	.200	8

Friday's games
Indiana 84, Atlanta 79
Connecticut 72, San Antonio 64
Seattle 69, Sacramento 56
Saturday's games
New York at Washington
Detroit at Phoenix
Sunday's games
Indiana at Connecticut
Atlanta at New York
San Antonio at Chicago
Minnesota at Seattle
Detroit at Sacramento

Boxing

Fight schedule
July 24
At the Don Haskins Convention Center, El Paso, Texas, Antonio Escalante, El Paso, Texas, vs. Cornelius Lock, Detroit, 10, featherweights.
At UIC Pavilion, Chicago, Bruce Selden, Atlantic City, N.J., vs. Fres Oquendo, Chicago, 12, for the interim NABA heavyweight title.
July 25
At Yucatan, Mexico, Julio Cesar Chavez Jr., Mexico, vs. Jason LeHouston, Portland, Maine, 10, light middleweights; Giovanni Segura, Mexico, vs. Sonny Boy Jaro, Philippines, 12, for the WBA light flyweight title; Urbano Antillon, Mexico, vs. Miguel Acosta, Venezuela, 12, for the interim WBA lightweight title; Juan Alberto Rosas, Mexico, vs. Alejandro Martinez, Mexico, 12, super flyweights; Jesus Soto Karass, Los Angeles, vs. Antonio Diaz, Mexico, 10, welterweights.
July 31
At Johannesburg, South Africa, Mzonke Fana, South Africa, vs. Jasper Seroka, South Africa, 12, IBF junior lightweight eliminator.
At Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Hollywood, Fla., Julio Diaz, Coachella, Calif., vs. Victor Manuel Cayo, Dominican Republic, 10, lightweights; Chazz Witherspoon, Paulsboro, N.J., vs. Carl Davis Drummond, Costa Rica, 10, heavyweights.
At Temecula, Calif., Marvin Quintero, Mexico, vs. Tyrone Harris, Lansing, Mich., 10, junior lightweights.
Aug. 7
At Buffalo Bill's Star Arena, Primm, Nev., Alfredo Angulo, Coachella, Calif., vs. Gabriel Rosado, Philadelphia, 10, junior middleweights.
Sept. 19
At the MGM Grand, Las Vegas, Floyd Mayweather, Las Vegas, vs. Juan Manuel Marquez, Anaheim, Calif., 12, welterweights.

Golf

British Open
Saturday
At Ailsa Course at Turnberry
Turnberry, Scotland
Purse: \$6.8 million
Yardage: 7,204; Par: 70
Third Round (a-amateur)
Tom Watson 65-70-71-206 -4
Matthew Goggin 66-72-69-207 -3
Ross Fisher 69-68-70-207 -3
Lee Westwood 68-70-70-208 -2
Retief Goosen 67-70-71-208 -2
Jim Furyk 67-72-70-209 -1
Stewart Cink 66-72-71-209 -1
Bryce Molder 70-73-67-210 E
Thongchai Jaidee 69-72-69-210 E
Richard S. Johnson 70-72-69-211 +1
Boo Weekley 67-72-72-211 +1
Angel Cabrera 69-70-72-211 +1
Steve Marino 67-68-76-211 +2
Thomas Aiken 71-72-69-212 +2
Paul McGinley 71-71-70-212 +2
Graeme McDowell 68-73-71-212 +2
Henrik Stenson 71-70-71-212 +2
Francesco Molinari 71-70-71-212 +2
Justin Rose 69-72-71-212 +2
Chris Wood 70-70-72-212 +2
John Daly 68-72-72-212 +2
Branden Grace 67-72-73-212 +2
Camilo Villegas 66-73-73-212 +2
James Kingston 67-71-74-212 +2
Vijay Singh 67-70-75-212 +2
Kenichi Kuboya 65-72-75-212 +2
Luke Donald 71-72-70-213 +3
Steve Stricker 66-77-70-213 +3
Oliver Wilson 72-70-71-213 +3
David Howell 68-73-72-213 +3
Peter Hanson 70-71-72-213 +3
a-Matteo Manassero 71-70-72-213 +3
Ernie Els 69-72-72-213 +3
Justin Leonard 70-70-73-213 +3
Nick Dougherty 70-70-73-213 +3
Martin Kaymer 69-70-75-213 +3
J.B. Holmes 68-70-75-213 +3
Miguel Angel Jimenez 64-73-76-213 +3
Mark Calcavecchia 67-69-77-213 +3
Nick Watney 71-72-71-214 +4
G.Fernandez-Castano 69-72-73-214 +4
Soren Hansen 68-72-74-214 +4
Thomas Levet 71-73-71-215 +5
Soren Kjeldsen 68-76-71-215 +5
Billy Mayfair 69-73-73-215 +5
Kevin Sutherland 69-73-73-215 +5
Davis Love III 69-73-73-215 +5
Andres Romero 68-74-73-215 +5
Anthony Wal 68-72-75-215 +5
Richard Sterne 67-73-75-215 +5
Sergio Garcia 70-69-76-215 +5
Jeff Overton 70-60-76-215 +5
Johan Edfors 71-73-72-216 +6
Paul Broadhurst 70-72-74-216 +6
Tom Lehman 68-74-74-216 +6
Robert Allenby 70-74-73-217 +7
Rory McIlroy 69-74-74-217 +7
David Drysdale 69-73-75-217 +7
Graeme Storm 72-72-74-218 +8
Paul Casey 68-76-74-218 +8
Sean O'Hair 68-75-75-218 +8
Kenny Perry 71-72-75-218 +8
Zach Johnson 70-71-77-218 +8
Stuart Appleby 71-72-76-219 +9
Padraig Harrington 69-74-76-219 +9
Fredrik Jacobson 70-72-77-219 +9
Fredrik Andersson Hed 71-70-78-219 +9
Paul Lawrie 71-73-76-220 +10
Darren Clarke 71-71-78-220 +10
Mark O'Meara 67-77-77-221 +11
Paul Goydos 72-72-77-221 +11
Ryuji Imada 74-69-79-222 +12
Daniel Gaunt 76-67-79-222 +12

US Bank Championship
Friday
At Brown Deere Park GC
Milwaukee
Purse: \$4 million
Yardage: 6,759; Par: 70
Second Round
a-amateur
Greg Chalmers 64-67-131 -9
Chris Riley 67-66-133 -7
Jeff Klauk 64-69-133 -7
Kris Blanks 70-63-133 -7
Kevin Na 69-65-134 -6
Marc Turnesa 69-65-134 -6
Steve Flesch 69-65-134 -6
Jeff Sluman 69-66-135 -5
Jeff Maggert 68-67-135 -5
Tommy Gainey 67-68-135 -5
Bo Van Pelt 67-68-135 -5
Jeff Quinney 67-68-135 -5
Michael Letzig 68-67-135 -5
Jason Gore 66-70-136 -4
Stephen Leaney 67-69-136 -4
John Mallingier 70-66-136 -4
Skip Kendall 66-70-136 -4
Omar Uresti 69-67-136 -4
Harrison Frazier 70-66-136 -4
Brendon de Jonge 67-66-136 -4
Frank Lickliter II 66-70-136 -4

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Deals

Friday's transactions
BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled RHP Clay Buchholz from Pawtucket (IL). Activated 3B Mike Lowell from the 15-day DL. Optioned 1B Aaron Bates to Pawtucket. Designated SS Julio Lugo for assignment.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Purchased the contract of RHP Kevin Mulvey from Rochester (IL). Optioned C Jose Morales and INF Matt Tolbert to Rochester. Recalled 2B Alexi Casilla from Rochester.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Reinstated RHP Grant Balfour from the bereavement list. Optioned C John Jaso to Durham (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS—Released RHP Orlando Hernandez from his minor league contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with SS Ryan Goins.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Recalled INF Drew Sutton from Louisville (IL). Optioned RHP Josh Roenicke to Louisville.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Purchased the contract of RHP Chad Paronto from Round Rock (PCL). Placed RHP Chris Sampson on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 10.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Activated RHP Clay Condrey from the 15-day DL. Designated RHP Tyler Walker for assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Recalled OF Drew Macias from Portland (PCL). Optioned RHP Ryan Webb to Portland.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Traded C Zach Randolph to Memphis for G Quentin Richardson.
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER—Waived G Earl Watson.
SACRAMENTO KINGS—Named Bryan Gates assistant coach.
Women's National Basketball Association
MINNESOTA LYNX—Signed C Tasha Humphrey. Waived C Christi Thomas.
PHOENIX MERCURY—Signed F Penny Taylor.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Agreed to terms with D Scott Lehman, D Grant Lewis, F Tim Stapleton.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Agreed to terms with D Jack Johnson on a two-year contract.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Signed D Cory Murphy.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Named Matt Shaw assistant coach.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Traded D Keith Seabrook to Calgary for future considerations.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
FC DALLAS—Acquired MF/F Atiba Harris from Chivas USA for MF Marcelo Saragosa.
TENNIS
World Team Tennis
WTT—Suspended the New York Sportscast. **CAPITAL**—Promoted assistant football coach Henry Stanford to offensive coordinator.
CLEMSON—Named Christie Rogers women's graduate assistant basketball coach.
GEORGIA—Signed women's basketball coach Andy Landers to a three-year extension through 2013-14.
GRAMBLING STATE—Named James Darrell Cooper baseball coach.
GREENSBORO—Named Whitney Gelin softball coach.
MICHIGAN—Named Cheryl Stacy women's golf coach.

AP spotlight

July 20
1858 — Fans are charged for the first time to see a baseball game. Approximately 1,500 fans pay 50 cents to see the New York All-Stars beat Brooklyn 22-18 at Fashion Race Course on Long Island.
1953 — The PGA championship calls for medal play for the first time and Dow Finsterwald beats Billy Casper.
1963 — Mary Mills wins the U.S. Women's Open golf championship by three strokes over Sandra Palmer and Louise Suggs.
1974 — Carl Rosen's Chris Evert beats Miss Musket by 50 lengths in a winner-take-all match race at Hollywood Park.

Soccer

CONCACAF Gold Cup
QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, July 18
At Philadelphia
Canada vs. Honduras
United States vs. Panama
Sunday, July 19
At Arlington, Texas
Guadeloupe vs. Costa Rica
Mexico vs. Haiti
SEMIFINALS
Thursday, July 23
At Chicago
Philadelphia quarterfinal winners
Arlington quarterfinal winners
CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 26
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Semifinals winners
MLS
Eastern Conference
W L T Pts GF GA
Toronto FC 7 6 5 26 25 27
Chicago 6 3 7 25 23 20
D.C. 5 3 9 24 26 25
Columbus 5 3 9 24 22 21
Kansas City 5 6 5 20 19 18
New England 4 5 5 17 15 21
FC Dallas 2 14 4 10 16 33
Western Conference
W L T Pts GF GA
Houston 9 4 5 32 23 13
Seattle 7 3 7 28 26 16
Chivas USA 8 5 3 27 19 13
Los Angeles 6 3 9 27 22 21
Colorado 4 6 4 24 23 20
Real Salt Lake 5 6 5 20 18 18
FC Dallas 2 6 5 17 20 26
San Jose 3 9 4 13 19 31
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Saturday's games
Houston 1, Toronto FC 1
Real Salt Lake at Columbus
Colorado at D.C. United
San Jose at Chicago
Sunday's games
Chivas USA at New England
Friday, July 24
FC Dallas at Real Salt Lake
Saturday, July 25
Chicago at Seattle FC
Toronto FC at Columbus
New England at Houston
Los Angeles at Kansas City
New York at Colorado
D.C. United at San Jose

WPS
W L T Pts GF GA
Los Angeles 11 2 4 37 24 6
Saint Louis 7 5 2 23 13 12
Boston 6 6 2 21 16 16
Sky Blue FC 5 4 9 15 16 16
Washington 4 6 5 17 22 26
Chicago 4 7 5 17 13 18
FC Gold Pride 3 8 3 12 21 21
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.
Wednesday's games
Boston 1, Chicago 0
Washington 4, Sky Blue FC 4, tie
Saturday's game
Saint Louis at Washington
Sunday's games
Chicago at Sky Blue FC
Boston at FC Gold Pride
Wednesday, July 22
Sky Blue at Saint Louis
Thursday, July 23
Los Angeles at FC Gold Pride
Saturday, July 25
Sky Blue FC at Boston
Sunday, July 26
Washington at Chicago
FC Gold Pride at Saint Louis

Tennis

Palermo Open
Saturday
At ASD Country Time Club
Palermo, Sicily
Purse: \$20,000 (dld.)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals
Sara Errani (5), Italy, def. Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.
Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Tathiana Garbin, Italy, 6-1, 6-1.
Friday
Singles
Quarterfinals
Sara Errani (5), Italy, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 7-5.
Flavia Pennetta (1), Italy, def. Aravane Rezaï (7), France, 6-4, 6-4.
Tathiana Garbin, Italy, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-2, 6-1.
Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany, def. Patty Schnyder (2), Switzerland, 4-3, retired.
Doubles
Semifinals
Mariya Korytseva, Ukraine, and Darya Kustova, Belarus, def. Flavia Pennetta and Roberta Vinci, Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Nuria Llagostera Vives and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (2), Spain, def. Klaudia Jans and Alicja Rosolska, Poland, 6-1, 6-2.
Mercedes Cup
Saturday
At TC Weissenhof
Stuttgart, Germany
Purse: \$627,000 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Quarterfinals
Nicolas Kiefer, Germany, def. Lukas Kubot, Poland, 6-2, 6-1.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Mischa Zverev, Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-1.
Semifinals
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Victor Hanesescu (4), Romania, 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-2.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Nicolas Kiefer, Germany, 6-3, 7-5.
Doubles
Semifinals
Frantisek Cermak, Czech Republic, and Michal Mertinak (4), Slovakia, def. Mariusz Fyrstenberg, Poland, and Marcelo Melo (2), Brazil, 3-6, 6-2, 10-4 tie-break.
Victor Hanesescu and Horia Tecau, Romania, def. Lukas Kubot, Poland, and Oliver Marach (1), Austria, 6-4, 7-5.
Swedish Open
Saturday
At Bastad Tennis Stadium
Bastad, Sweden
Purse: \$627,000 (WT250)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. Tommy Robredo (3), Spain, 6-0, 6-2.
Robin Soderling (2), Sweden, def. Andreas Vinciguerra, Sweden, 6-1, 7-6 (6).
Friday
Doubles
Semifinals
Jaroslav Levinsky, Czech Republic, and Filip Polasek (3), Slovakia, def. Nicolas Almagro and Santiago Ventura, Spain, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 10-7 tiebreak.
Robert Lindstedt and Robin Soderling, Sweden, def. Marc Lopez and Tommy Robredo (4), Spain, 6-4, 7-6 (7).
Prague Open
Saturday
At ICLTK Praha
Prague, Czech Republic
Purse: \$145,000 (Tier IV)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals
Sybille Bammer (2), Austria, leads Iveta Benesova (3), Czech Republic, 3-0, susp., rain.
Friday
Doubles
Semifinals
Alona and Kateryna Bondarenko (2), Ukraine, def. Magdalena Rybarikova and Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 7-5.
Iveta Benesova and Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (1), Czech Republic, def. Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (3), Czech Republic, 1-6, 6-1, 12-10 tiebreak.

Auto racing

NASCAR Sprint cup leaders
Through July 11
Points
1. Tony Stewart, 2,884. 2. Jeff Gordon, 2,709. 3. Jimmie Johnson, 2,672. 4. Kurt Busch, 2,526. 5. Denny Hamlin, 2,457. 6. Carl Edwards, 2,438. 7. Ryan Newman, 2,385. 8. Casey Kahne, 2,336. 9. Juan Pablo Montoya, 2,321. 10. Kyle Busch, 2,298. 11. Mark Martin, 2,296. 12. Matt Kenseth, 2,295. 13. Greg Biffle, 2,285.
Money
1. Matt Kenseth, \$4,521,252. 2. Tony Stewart, \$4,429,935. 3. Jimmie Johnson, \$3,891,292. 4. Jeff Gordon, \$3,835,493. 5. Kevin Harvick, \$3,611,999. 6. Kyle Busch, \$3,582,211. 7. Carl Edwards, \$3,191,652. 8. Casey Kahne, \$3,111,950. 9. Joey Logano, \$3,020,757. 10. Jeff Burton, \$2,964,107. 11. Ryan Newman, \$2,927,764. 12. David Reutimann, \$2,865,379. 13. Mark Martin, \$2,847,203.



Finch shines on as the face of softball

By JEFF LATZKE
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — The fans still cheer when the tall blonde with the glittery, red headband makes her way into the pitching circle. And Jennie Finch has still got game.

While many of her former Olympic teammates have put away their softball cleats, the sport's most recognizable face is still going strong, and she doesn't know when she'll stop.

Finch calls softball a summer-to-summer decision these days, with the next chance at playing in the Olympics seven years away and not a sure thing. The 28-year-old knows she won't be playing then, but she also isn't ready to walk away now.

Softball needs Finch, and she needs the game.

She can reel off the reasons why she's still putting on the red, white and blue at a time when the sport is at a crossroads. The International Olympic Committee controls a big chunk of softball's fate with its decision coming up this October on whether to include the sport in the 2016 Games.

Finch feels compelled to do her part to help continue a tradition built by the likes of Dot Richardson and Lisa Fernandez, and bridge the gap to the next generation of softball players.

"It's for these young girls out here. I love it. It's so special to see them, just seeing female athletes compete and play the game. I love the game. I love my teammates," Finch said.

"I feel the Lord definitely opened this opportunity. If you would have told me last year that I would have the opportunity to be playing first base, hitting No.

5, and then pitching and hitting at the same time, it's pretty special. To have the opportunity, I'm so grateful for it."

Finch made herself known as one of the sport's most dominant pitchers. She won an NCAA-record 60 consecutive games at Arizona, leading the Wildcats to the 2001 NCAA title and becoming a star for the Olympic team. Appearances on "This Week in Baseball" gave her the chance to show that not even major league hitters could get a piece of one of her deliveries.

"I think you have to consider her the face of the game in terms of the media attention, and the spotlight, so to speak, has been on her for quite a while," said Jay Miller, first-year coach of the U.S. national team. "I think she handles that very well. As great a ballplayer as she is, she's an even better person."

Finch said it gives her chills to hear fans cheering for her like they did when she moved over from first base to take over in relief during the Americans' 7-2 victory against the Netherlands in their World Cup of Softball opener Thursday.

She struck out the first five batters she faced and 11 of 13 in four dominant innings. And beyond showing off her pitching prowess, Finch is finally getting a chance to hit, too.

After being asked to save her energy mainly for pitching the past few years, Finch impressed Miller with her hitting during training camp. She delivered the championship-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh in the final game of the Canada Cup this month, then started the World Cup by going 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

It was the kind of performance that Finch said "makes you want to play forever."

But Finch knows that won't happen. Her son, Ace, is 3 years old and she's the only mom on the U.S. team this summer, though outfielder Jessica Mendoza is taking time off while awaiting her first child.

Longtime teammates Laura Berg, Crystl Bustos, Stacey Nuvean, Kelly Kretschman, Jenny Topping, Tairia Flowers and Lovieanne Jung retired following the Olympics. Finch came back, unable to shake off a 3-1 loss to Japan in the gold medal game in the Olympics.

"Leaving that ballfield in Beijing, I definitely wanted to come back and I wanted to have the opportunity to wear this uniform again," she said. "I wanted to continue to play USA softball and rebound from that silver medal there in China."

"I felt like I had a lot more to give."

That includes adding experience to a revamped U.S. squad that features 10 rookies. Miller said he counts on Finch to measure the pulse of the team and has found her helpful in smoothing the transition between coaches.

"She's just been a joy to work with. She went from one of our younger players to our oldest player this year, although we don't like to remind her of that too often," Miller said. "She's a tremendous ambassador for our sport. The patience that she shows in terms of dealing with the fans and media and things like that has been outstanding."

"You couldn't ask for a better representative for our sport in the world."



AP

Jennie Finch lets a pitch fly during the United States' victory over the Netherlands in a World Cup of Softball game Thursday. Finch, 28, struck out the first five batters and 11 of 13 over four innings.

Clijsters considering a full-fledged comeback

By HOWARD FENDRICH
The Associated Press

Kim Clijsters is married and a mom these days. But she hopes to again become a year-round professional tennis player.

The former top-ranked woman is ending a two-year retirement this summer, revving up with appearances in World TeamTennis next week, followed by a three-tournament test run. After returning to the U.S. Open for the first time since winning it in 2005, Clijsters will decide if a full-fledged return to the tour next season is feasible.

"I've been training like a professional, with my mind-set to coming back as a full professional. I'm just going to see after the U.S. Open how the whole trip went and just see what things I have to adjust," Clijsters said Friday.

"Because it's a new experience for me, as well, traveling with a family and just being back on tour and everything. It's going to be completely different than it has been when I was on tour for 10 or 12 years in the past."



YVES LOGGHE/AP

Belgium's Kim Clijsters, 26, the former No. 1 player in the world who left tennis to get married and have a family, is preparing for a possible full-time return to the court. She plans to play next month in the U.S. Open, which she won in 2005.

The 26-year-old Belgian left the sport in May 2007 to start a family.

She married American Brian Lynch that year, and their daughter,

Jada, was born in February 2008.

Clijsters called what she's doing now "starting back all over. I hardly played for two years."

She reached No. 1 in the singles and doubles rankings in August 2003, and won 34 career singles titles, including her Grand Slam championship at Flushing Meadows, N.Y. She also was the runner-up in four major tournaments.

Clijsters was given wild cards to enter WTA tournaments at Mason, Ohio, and Toronto, followed by the U.S. Open, which begins Aug. 31.

"We should only be so lucky that she would come back on a permanent basis," U.S. Open tournament director Jim Curley said. "Regardless of where we are — and where people think we are — as a sport, when the opportunity presents itself for a former Grand Slam singles champion and popular fan favorite to come back after retiring, that can only have a positive impact."

Before those three events, Clijsters is making her return to competition with World TeamTennis.

She will play matches at St. Louis on Tuesday and Philadelphia on Wednesday.

"It's great for the sport that Kim is back," World TeamTennis founder Billie Jean King said.

"Kim has a great game and personality for WTT, so our fans are the real winners here."

Clijsters is looking forward to making her WTT debut with the St. Louis Aces.

"You want to have that tension again, and the official type of matches. Although it's not the same as a normal tournament, the atmosphere, I think, is there — and the tension and the pressure and the nerves and everything," Clijsters said.

She's been in New Jersey, staying with Lynch's family while getting ready for her return, so these initial trips aren't as daunting as they might be if Clijsters were in Belgium.

The past several months of preparation have been enjoyable. Still, she can't wait to compete.

"I like practicing," Clijsters said, "but I like playing matches better."

And she'll have an important new fan tagging along. How much of Clijsters' matches that fan actually will see is another matter.

"I don't know how much Jada will be able to sit in the stands," Mom said, "but she'll definitely come."

Tour de France

Armstrong drops to 4th; spectator dies



BEN BLOKER/Stars and Stripes

Lance Armstrong, center foreground, rides through constant rain with other Tour de France competitors near the final climb of Stage 13 on Friday in Metzeral, France. Armstrong dropped from third to fourth in the overall standings following Saturday's 14th stage.

Police motorcycle hits woman while she's crossing the road

By JAMEY KEATEN
The Associated Press

BESANCON, France — Lance Armstrong dropped one spot to fourth place Saturday in the Tour de France during a stage overshadowed by the roadside death of a woman hit by a police motorcycle.

Serguei Ivanov of Russia won the 14th stage and Armstrong's former teammate, George Hincapie, rose to second, just missing the yellow jersey. Hincapie arrived 16 seconds after Ivanov in a small breakaway group.

Hincapie is five seconds behind overall leader Rinaldo Nencolini of Italy. Nencolini was 5 minutes, 36 seconds behind the breakaway group but kept the yellow jersey an eighth straight day.

Alberto Contador dropped from second to third. Contador, Armstrong's Astana teammate and the 2007 champion, is six seconds behind Nencolini. Armstrong is another two seconds back.

Hincapie is the only rider to be a teammate of Armstrong as he won seven straight Tour titles from 1999 to 2005. Hincapie wore the leader's shirt for a day in 2006 — the year after Armstrong retired.

"George is a good friend," Armstrong said. "We wanted him to have the jersey. It would have been great for him."

The accident happened 24 miles into the 124-mile trip from Colmar to Besancon. The victim,

identified by organizers as a 61-year-old woman, was crossing the road when struck by a motorcycle escorting riders. Two others were injured and taken to a hospital when the motorcycle skidded into them. One was 36 and complained of neck pain; the other was 61 and had a broken leg.

Hincapie, 36, who rides for the Columbia team, entered the stage 5:25 behind Nencolini in 28th place. Through the final miles, Hincapie's breakaway group was more than six minutes ahead of the Italian, fanning suspense about the yellow shirt.

Nencolini's AG2R-La Mondiale team, then American team Garmin both accelerated the pace, trimming the gap by the finish. Hincapie missed the yellow jersey by seconds.

TV cameras showed the frustrated Hincapie as he watched Nencolini's pack cross the finish line. He did not speak to reporters before entering the team bus.

"Until 10km to go he was solidly in yellow until GARMIN put on the gas and made sure it didn't happen," Armstrong wrote on his Twitter feed. "(Hincapie) deserves to be in yellow tonight. He deserves more than that."

Ivanov made a sign of the cross as he finished the stage in 4 hours, 37 minutes, 46 seconds after escaping the breakaway group with about seven miles left.

Ivanov rose to 56th place overall, 27:47 behind Nencolini.

Stage 14

Saturday
At Colmar, France
14th Stage

123.7 miles from Colmar to Besancon

1. Serguei Ivanov, Russia, Team Katusha.
2. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, AG2R-La Mondiale, 16 seconds behind.
3. Hayden Roulston, New Zealand, Cervelo Test Team, same time.
4. Martijn Maaskant, Netherlands, Garmin-Slipstream, same time.
5. Sebastien Minard, France, Cofidis, same time.
6. Daniele Righi, Italy, Lampre-NGC, same time.
7. Christophe Le Mevel, France, Francaise des Jeux, same time.
8. George Hincapie, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, same time.
9. Daniele Bennati, Italy, Liquigas, same time.
10. Gerald Ciolek, Germany, Team Milram, :22.

Also

34. Tyler Farrar, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, same time.
37. Christian Vande Velde, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, same time.
38. Alberto Contador, Spain, Astana, same time.
46. Rinaldo Nencolini, Italy, AG2R-La Mondiale, same time.
49. Andreas Kloeber, Germany, Astana, same time.
50. Lance Armstrong, United States, Astana, same time.
71. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Garmin-Slipstream, same time.
139. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, same time.
147. Danny Pate, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, same time.

Overall Standings (After 14 stages)

1. Rinaldo Nencolini, Italy, AG2R-La Mondiale, 58:13:52.
2. George Hincapie, United States, Team Columbia-High Road, :05.
3. Alberto Contador, Spain, Astana, :06.
4. Lance Armstrong, United States, Astana, :08.
5. Christophe Le Mevel, France, Francaise des Jeux, :43.
6. Bradley Wiggins, Britain, Garmin-Slipstream, :46.
7. Andreas Kloeber, Germany, Astana, :54.
8. Tony Martin, Germany, Team Columbia-High Road, 1:00.
9. Christian Vande Velde, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 1:24.

79. David Zabriskie, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 47:27.
158. Tyler Farrar, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 1:43:43.
159. Danny Pate, United States, Garmin-Slipstream, 1:44:33.

Sports briefs

Notre Dame, Army to play at new Yankee Stadium

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Notre Dame and Army will play the first football game at the new Yankee Stadium next year, rekindling a tradition that took off after Knute Rockne's "Win one for the Gipper" speech more than 80 years ago.

The teams will meet in 2010, across the street from where they played more than 20 times, a person familiar with the arrangement told The Associated Press on Friday. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the official announcement is next week.

The Times Herald-Record of Middletown, N.Y., reported earlier on the pairing between two of college football's most storied programs.

Six minor league players suspended

NEW YORK — Six minor league players were suspended for 50 games on Friday after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

Five of the players were in the Dominican Summer League. On Thursday, five other DSL players drew 50-game penalties.

Milwaukee pitcher Cody Adams of Class

A Wisconsin was suspended for taking an amphetamine.

The DSL players suspended were pitchers Billis Andujar and Jose Encarnacion of Detroit, Carlos Rosario of the Chicago White Sox, Aristedes Santos of Kansas City and Jorge Serra of Toronto.

Brewers' RHP Bush will rest for 5 days

CINCINNATI — Milwaukee right-hander Dave Bush will rest his tired pitching arm for five days, pushing back the Brewers' plans for his return to the rotation.

Bush had MRI exams on his shoulder and arm Friday, two days after he felt tiredness during a minor league rehab start. The results showed no change from previous tests. Bush will rest through next Wednesday, then be examined again.

Bush went on the disabled list June 23 because of a small tear in his right triceps that caused him to feel fatigue. He was 3-4 with a 5.67 ERA.

In other baseball news:

■ Texas released Orlando Hernandez from his minor league contract, making him a free agent.

■ The New York Yankees voided the signing of an amateur from the Dominican

Republic after a DNA test showed he misrepresented his name and identity.

■ Sergio Mitre will become the Yankees' No. 5 starter while Chien-Ming Wang is on the disabled list.

■ Detroit Tigers reliever Joel Zumaya is going on the 15-day disabled list again, this time because of a sore right shoulder.

Clippers trade Randolph to Memphis

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Clippers traded leading scorer Zach Randolph to Memphis on Friday in exchange for Quentin Richardson.

Richardson averaged 10.2 points and 4.4 rebounds in 72 games with New York last season.

Randolph averaged 20.8 points and 10.1 rebounds in 50 games for the Clippers last season.

In other basketball news:

■ Josh Childress said the Atlanta Hawks' "hardball" negotiations forced him to return for a second season in Greece with Olympiakos.

■ The Utah Jazz matched the Portland Trail Blazers' \$32 million offer for restricted free agent Paul Millsap, keeping him in Utah with a new four-year deal.

■ The Oklahoma City Thunder waived guard Earl Watson.

Vasquez upsets Prescott

LAS VEGAS — Lightweight Miguel Vasquez upset previously undefeated and world-ranked Breidis Prescott by split decision in their 10-round main event Friday night at Planet Hollywood.

The lanky, 5-foot-11 Prescott, of Miami, won the early rounds and knocked down Vasquez, of Mexico, with a left jab to the head in the first.

Vasquez won by scores of 96-93 and 95-94 on two scorecards, while Prescott was ahead 97-92 on the third judge's card.

U.S. routs Canada in softball

OKLAHOMA CITY — Natasha Watley hit a grand slam, and Andrea Duran and Jenae Leles also homered as the U.S. routed Canada 15-0 in the World Cup of Softball on Saturday for its most-lopsided victory against its northern rival.

Duran and Leles each hit three-run home runs as the Americans (3-0) warmed up for a rematch later in the day against Japan, which beat the U.S. in the gold medal game in last summer's Beijing Olympics.

Favre already part of a (prep) team

QB takes his throws, offers tips

By CHRIS TALBOTT
The Associated Press

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Micah Williams doesn't show up to summer workouts at Oak Grove High School without gloves.

Thanks to the fourth guy in the quarterback rotation — the tall one with the gray beard — they're required gear.

"He's still throwing like he used to," Williams said. "Still with the zip. Hard. If you don't wear gloves, your hands are going to be through."

The senior wide receiver is talking about his summertime teammate, Brett Favre — the 39-year-old quarterback, Super Bowl winner and three-time NFL MVP.

Anyone who thinks Favre is adrift without a team as he contemplates a return for a 19th season, this time with the Minnesota Vikings, is wrong. Favre has everything he needs here at Oak Grove, where coach Nevil Barr agreed to let him join team workouts five summers ago when Favre was in Green Bay.

"It's hard to run 110s on your own," Favre said Wednesday morning after a session under a sweltering sun. "It's hard to run stadiums on your own. I can remember pulling tires out here. That's very hard to do on your own. So I was at a point in my career I felt like I needed some motivation, someone to kind of kick me into gear. So I came out."

He's been having a great time since. There's an endless supply of hands waiting to be graced with a pass from a guy who's started in the Pro Bowl and has made a yearly ritual of keeping the football world uncertain about whether he'll play again or not.

Then there's the camaraderie — joking around and just hanging out.

And there's a common goal: to be ready to give it all this season.

"He's got a good sense of humor," junior quarterback John Mark said. "He's a laid-back guy. He's just like one of us. He's out there having a good time."

Favre doesn't hog valuable

practice time. He takes his turn in the rotation, throwing to any receiver in the group, from seniors who enjoy running under one of his deep end-zone passes to the new guys making their way up from the junior varsity. The All-Pro usually takes it easier on the little guys.

"With the small ones, you've got to learn to take a little bit off when you throw it," Favre said. "I haven't had a parent call me and say, 'Are you trying to kill my son?'"

Favre joined the team after classmates of his daughter asked "Mr. Brett" — "which is weird," he says — to come work out. He liked it immediately. There are few star-struck moments out here, though the occasional camera or journalist can cause a stir.

Most days, there have been no pictures this summer, just Favre — workout after workout. He's missed just one since he was cleared by doctors to start throwing. He jokes with the Warriors, gives tips on footwork and preaches the importance of a quarterback's eyes.

"Our kids are used to it, as strange as it seems," Barr said. "They love it. Believe me, they know who he is and what he's done, but they feel comfortable around him."

Oak Grove players often use the word "awesome" to describe the experience of playing with Favre and "cool" to describe the man.

Like this, from sophomore quarterback Steven Papas: "It's pretty awesome. It's not, like, every day you get to talk to a Hall of Famer pretty much. And I mean he's cool. It's cool just being around him."

Barr believes Favre's willingness to sweat alongside the players as they work toward a shared goal has improved his football team, which has made it to the state semifinals five of the past six seasons and is expected to contend in Class 5A again this season.

The Warriors turn out by the dozens to work out three days a week.

"I'm a part of this team," Favre



ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP

An Oak Grove High School receiver catches a pass as Brett Favre watches during a morning practice in Hattiesburg, Miss. Favre gives the players tips on how to improve their play.

said. "And as much as Nevil says it helps these kids, it probably has helped me equally if not more than it's helped those kids. When I was 17, 18, I was just happy to be wherever. You don't want to get up and work out, but you do it. Me, I really don't want to get up and work out. So coming up here kind of keeps you young."

Young enough to play another season? The Warriors think so. Though none has the eye or experience of an NFL coach, some have watched and practiced with Favre for four or five years and see no reason why he won't be in a Vikings uniform.

The proof is in the sting of leather on bare flesh.

"Brett, he comes with extra," Williams said. "You've got to have your eyes on it before it even gets there, because if you have your head turned the other way — pfft! — it'll hit you."

Of course, whether Favre will be wearing purple this year or sitting in the club seats in Oak Grove's palatial stadium is up to the quarterback. Favre says he will make a decision by the July 30 start of Vikings training camp.

He hasn't tipped his hand to his Oak Grove teammates.

"He's been with us all summer," Williams said. "I was thinking he'd at least give us a hint or something."

Golf

Chalmers, still trying to emulate Norman, leads in Milwaukee

By COLIN FLY
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Greg Chalmers started playing golf at age 13 and there was only one pro he and most every other Australian kid aspired to be — Greg Norman.

Chalmers, who has led the U.S. Bank Championship from the start, is in position to win here 20 years after Norman won the Greater Milwaukee Open by three strokes in 1989.

Chalmers shot a 67 on Friday to move to 9-under 131 and take a two-stroke lead. It's the first time in nine years he's led a PGA event heading into the weekend, and he's in search of his first tour victory after two on the Nationwide tour.

"I won the Australian Open in 1998 and he won his first Australian Open (in 1980)," said Chalmers, 35, who has played golf with Norman a handful of times.

"It's a really weird game to me sometimes. Tiger Woods' next counterpart could be a 15-year-old kid right now."

Chalmers was two shots ahead of Chris Riley (66), Jeff Klauk (69) and Kris Blanks (63). Kevin Na (65), Marc Turnesa (65) and Steve Flesch (65) were one more stroke back at 6 under.

After Thursday's blustery conditions made the field post the worst scores in a round since 2004, temperatures plunged into the 60s and rain showers made it seem more like the British Open at Turnberry.

The unseasonably chilly weather was expected to continue through the weekend, but Chalmers remains on the same track Norman was when he won this tournament.

The left-hander nicknamed "Snake" has needed just one putt on 21 of the 36 holes so far.

"I made most putts inside 10 feet," Chalmers said.

"At this level, if you're going to lead the tournament or be competitive, you've got to make them."

Chalmers, who last led a tournament at the halfway point nine years ago in the Nissan Open and

had his best result that year with a tie for second in the Kemper Open, made a mistake early after starting his day at No. 10.

He bogeyed the par-3 14th after his wayward tee shot left him needing a 12-foot putt to make par. But, just like in Thursday's opening round, Chalmers came on strong with birdies at Nos. 17 and 18.

He also had birdies at Nos. 4 and 5 for the second consecutive day.

"It was a working-man's 3 under," he said.

The working-man mentality should serve him well this weekend after changing conditions continued Friday, keeping scores down and the cut line at 1-over 141.

Chalmers and the rest of the field dealt with stiff winds and warm temperatures Thursday, but he said he'd only brought one sweater for the tournament.

"You don't expect it in the summertime," said Riley, who also has one sweater with him.

Meanwhile, Klauk didn't have nearly the same success as Thursday, when he was co-leader. He was 1 over through his first nine holes and needed to rally to stay two shots back. Still, Klauk likes his position heading into the weekend.

"You can't overpower this golf course," he said. "Anybody can play. It's just a good, old-style golf course."

One that might not return next year.

U.S. Bank is dropping its title sponsorship after six years and tournament organizers say a new sponsor must be found to continue the shortest event on tour at the 6,759-yard, par-70 Brown Deer Park Golf Course.

Na is 20th in FedEx Cup standings this year and is the highest-ranked player in Milwaukee.

"That only means one thing — I need to win," Na said.

"That's what I need on my resume is a W out here. A win's a win even though it's an opposite field event."



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STARS AND STRIPES

Torii, Yokota win playoff games

Stars and Stripes

It took four overtimes and an improbable catch by Robert Prince, but the Torii Wolfpack finally claimed their first victory in U.S. Forces Japan-American Football League play, in the first round of the playoffs.

Prince snatched an interception out of Greg Robinson's hands in the fourth extra period, and Torii's defense made it stand up as the Wolfpack downed Kadena 12-6 in the longest game in USFJ-AFL history.

"I can't explain it. It hasn't hit me yet," said coach Darell Keith, whose Wolfpack had been outscored 5.7 points in its previous three games, all defeats.

Elsewhere in the playoffs, Donald White scored three defensive TDs as Yokota dethroned defending champion Misawa 44-12.

And in the regular-season finale, Foster claimed home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, scoring the first Southern Division road victory at a North site, 13-7 over Yokosuka, in a battle of unbeaten teams.

Playoffs

Torii 12, Kadena 6: At Kadena's McDon-

ald Stadium, Robinson appeared to have a sure interception as he camped under a Frank Jordan pass at the goal line. But he didn't control it, and Prince, who played for the Dragons in their 2004-05 Okinawa Football League championship seasons, took advantage.

"I could see he didn't have control of it. He was bobbling it, and I just took it from him," Prince said, adding that playing against his former team made it "extra special. I couldn't have written it better myself."

Prince's catch capped a defensive, turnover-filled game. The teams combined for 293 offensive yards, seven takeaways and six sacks.

Jordan ran 3 yards for a score on Torii's first series. Kadena replied with David Valencia's 49-yard second-quarter strike to Andre Warren.

"We let quite a few opportunities go down the drain," Kadena coach Will Cupp said.

"Army played well. I'm glad we could give the people in the stands something to watch. Just wish we had a different outcome."

Yokota 44, Misawa 12: At Yokota Air Base's Bonk Field, White ran back two fumbles and an interception for TDs as the Warriors got their first playoff victory in two seasons. Kevin Fortin ran for 110 yards, including a 15-yard TD run, and Dominique Carvin and Ryan Jones each ran for scores.

"Offensively, we executed," coach Herb Fletcher said of Yokota's one turnover. "Defensively, we shut down what we needed to shut down."

The Warriors overcame a stellar performance by Misawa quarterback Daron Frierson, who went 31-for-47 for 315 yards, including TD passes of 40 yards to Justin Jordan and 39 to Charles Salter. Jordan had 14 catches for 174 yards.

Regular season

Foster 13, Yokosuka 7: At Yokosuka Naval Base's Berkey Field, Bulldogs quarterback Frank Bryant sneaked across from the 1 late in the first quarter following a Seahawks fumble. He then hit Tony Brown from 22 yards out in the second quarter as Foster scored 13 unanswered points.

Bob "Doc" Docherty opened the scoring

USFJ-AFL

Final regular-season standings

Northern Division					
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Yokosuka Seahawks	5	1	.833	151	106
Yokota Warriors	2	4	.333	87	123
Misawa Jets	1	4	.200	70	93
Southern Division					
	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
zx-Foster Bulldogs	6	0	1.000	122	60
Kadena Dragons	3	3	.500	93	75
Torii Wolfpack	0	5	.000	32	98

x-clinched division title, first-round playoff bye
z-clinched home-field advantage throughout playoffs

Saturday, July 18

Foster 13, Yokosuka 7, makeup of scheduled June 27 game

END REGULAR SEASON

Playoffs

Saturday, July 18

Game 1—Torii 12, Kadena 6, 4 OT

Game 2—Yokota 44, Misawa 12

Saturday, Aug. 1

Game 3—Torii vs. Foster at McDonald Stadium, Kadena Air Base, 7 p.m.

Game 4—Yokota at Yokosuka, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 22

Torii Bowl

Game 5—Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner at higher remaining seed, time and site to be determined

by hitting Preston Johnson with a 30-yard TD pass. The Seahawks failed on numerous attempts after that.

"I tip my hat to Foster. Coach (Auburne) Edwards has put a good team together," Seahawks coach James Price said. "I hope we see them again."

Open: Fisher is awaiting birth of child

OPEN, FROM BACK PAGE

It even got the attention of Jack Nicklaus, whom Watson beat at Turnberry in the famous "Duel in the Sun" in 1977. Nicklaus, who rarely watches golf on television, saw most of the third round from his home in south Florida.

"Like everybody else ... I had some tears in my eyes," Nicklaus said. "I just really hope he wins."

Watson wouldn't give details of this mysterious "game plan," only that he has figured out how many bogeys he can afford to make, and how many birdies he will need to make up for any mistakes.

"So far, it's going well," he said.

The plan has put him at 4-under 206, one shot better than Mathew Goggin of Australia and Ross Fisher, who isn't even sure he will make it to the tee Sunday. His wife is expecting their first child, and Fisher said his priority is to be in England for the birth.

Fisher, who birdied two of his last three holes for a 70, was fifth in the U.S. Open last month, his best finish in a major. Imagine if he had been told that only a 59-year-old man would stand between him and the claret jug.

"Probably would have laughed," Fisher said. "I mean, it's incredible."

Watson will be playing in the final group with Goggin, 35, who hasn't won in 10 years — and that was on the Nationwide Tour. Until Saturday, when his 69 was among only five scores under par, his greatest moment in the British Open came in 2003 at Royal St. George's when he was paired with Watson in the third round.

"He's such a great player and such a great champion, especially at the British Open," Goggin said. "And it was also shocking just how good he was. I mean, it was ridiculous. I'm thinking, 'He's getting on in years and not playing so much, and he's just smashing it around this golf course.' I was really impressed."

A year ago, Greg Norman, 53, had a two-shot lead going into the final round at Royal



Tom Watson holds court during a news conference after Saturday's third round of the British Open at Turnberry.

Birkdale and couldn't hold on to it.

Watson has much more experience with eight major titles, five of them on links courses.

He also has much more company.

Lee Westwood (70) joined Fisher as the only players at par or better all three rounds at Turnberry, escaping with a bogey on the final hole to finish at 2-under 208 with two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen, who had a 71.

Another U.S. Open champion, Jim Furyk, made only two bogeys in his round of 70 and was at 1-under 209 with Stewart Cink (71).

Steve Marino is still in the mix, somehow.

Tied for the lead with Watson going into the third round, he dropped five shots on his first five holes, rallied to get back into



contention, then lost a ball on the par-3 15th to make triple bogey and three-putted at No. 16 for double bogey. He birdied his last two holes of this roller-coaster round and shot 76 to fall five shots behind.

Marino was in the group at 1-over 211 that included Masters champion Angel Cabrera, and one more shot back was John Daly (72). Among those too far back to contend is Pádraig Harrington, whose hopes of a third consecutive claret jug ended with a 76.

This is Watson's turf, the guy who put Turnberry on the map by winning that wondrous duel with Nicklaus. A victory truly would belong to the game's ages.

The oldest major champion was Julius Boros, who was 48 when he won the 1968 PGA Championship. The oldest player to win a regular tour event, America or



MATT DUNHAM/AP

Europe, was Sam Snead at 52 in the 1965 Greater Greensboro Open.

The scope of what's at stake seems lost on Watson. He felt no nerves when he walked to the first tee to warm applause amid sunshine and a cool, coastal breeze. He avoided an early collapse by twice making par. From a pot bunker in the third fairway, he blasted out and hit 7-iron to 8 feet. From a greenside bunker on the fifth hole, he hit out to 15 feet and made that one, too.

The wind was the toughest of its kind, playing across the fairways, making it difficult to keep the ball in the short grass. Watson ran into trouble during a seven-hole stretch that began at No. 9, dropping three shots to fall out of the lead.

He managed to find two more birdies, the roars getting louder with each one.

Then came another long salute as he walked toward the 18th green. Watson blinked back tears, especially when caddie Neil Oxman, a friend from Philadelphia, mentioned that Bruce Edwards was surely watching.

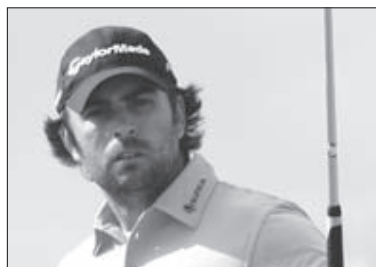
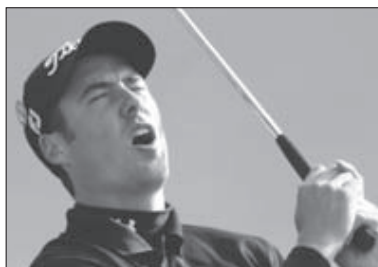
Edwards, who was Watson's longtime caddie, died of Lou Gehrig's disease five years ago.

Watson nearly thrilled the gallery again with a 60-foot putt that trickled to a stop a foot short of the hole. He waited for Marino to finish, tapped in, and then turned and toasted the crowd.

Someone asked him later if he had pinched himself.

"I don't need to," Watson said, flashing that gap-tooth smile.

"I'm awake."



PETER MORRISON, LEFT, AND JON SUPER/AP

England's Ross Fisher, left, and Australia's Mathew Goggin go into the final round tied for second, one shot off the pace set by five-time Open champion Tom Watson.

Sabathia tops Verlander in duel of aces

By Mike Fitzpatrick
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — CC Sabathia beat All-Star Justin Verlander in a prime pitching matchup that lived up to its billing, and Alex Rodriguez's pop-fly homer sent the New York Yankees to a 2-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Saturday.

Sabathia (9-6) tossed seven shutout innings, working out of trouble most of the afternoon for his eighth victory in 11 decisions. Mariano Rivera got three quick outs for the save, with help from shortstop Derek Jeter's outstanding defensive play.

Melky Cabrera legged out an infield single to drive in the second run against Verlander (10-5), who took a three-hit shutout into the seventh before running into some tough luck.

Rodriguez led off with a high fly toward Yankee Stadium's short right-field porch and the ball carried into the second row of seats for an opposite-field homer. Verlander watched it the whole way, then smiled in disbelief after the drive cleared the fence.

It was Rodriguez's 571st homer, leaving him two behind Hall of Famer Harmon Killebrew for ninth on the career list.

Robinson Cano singled with two outs and went to third on Nick Swisher's soft double inside the left-field line. Cabrera hit a slow roller to shortstop, with Swisher doing all he could to distract Adam Everett



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

New York's CC Sabathia was a tad better than Detroit's Justin Verlander on Saturday, throwing seven shutout innings as the Yankees beat the Tigers 2-1 in New York.

as he crossed over to third. Everett's throw appeared to beat Cabrera by the slimmest margin, but he was called safe by first base umpire Jeff Nelson. Cabrera clapped his hands as Cano scored, putting New York ahead 2-0.

Marcus Thames homered in the eighth off Alfredo Aceves, who struck out two to set up Rivera for his 507th career save and 25th in 26 chances this season.

Jeter made a signature jump throw from deep in the shortstop hole to get Brandon Inge for the second out of the ninth.

The Yankees, who have won 15 of 20, are 40-22 since Rodriguez came off the disabled list on May 8 — the best record in the majors. New York is 18-5 against AL Central teams. The first-place Tigers fell to 4-12 against the AL East.

In Friday's game:

Yankees 5, Tigers 3: Mark Teixeira hit a go-ahead, three-run homer in the seventh for host New York. Joel Zumaya (3-3) relieved to start the seventh and gave up a leadoff single to Derek Jeter and a long double to Johnny Damon. Rather than issue an intentional walk that would load the bases for Alex Rodriguez, Zumaya pitched to Teixeira, who hit his 22nd homer, his third hit of the game.

Phil Hughes (4-2) struck out six in two innings of relief.

AL roundup

Lind's 20th home run helps rookie gain first win

The Associated Press

TORONTO — Adam Lind hit a two-run homer to help Marc Rzepczynski earn his first major league victory as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Boston Red Sox 6-2 on Saturday.

Jose Bautista added a two-run double as Toronto ended a three-game skid and snapped Boston's four-game winning streak.

Making his third career start, the left-handed Rzepczynski (1-1) allowed one run and four hits in six innings. He walked four, struck out four and lowered his ERA to 2.50.

Jesse Carlson recorded two outs and Jeremy Accardo got the third in the seventh. Jason Frasor worked the eighth and Scott Downs finished the ninth as Toronto won for just the fourth time in 17 games.

Boston's Brad Penny (6-4) allowed six runs and eight hits in five innings and is winless in five starts. He walked one and struck out three.

Boston led 1-0 when Jason Bay doubled in the second and scored on a single by Rocco Baldelli. Toronto tied it in the bottom of the inning when Scott Rolen scored on Kevin Millar's double-play grounder.

Toronto jumped ahead to stay with three runs in the fourth on Alex Rios' RBI single and Bautista's two-out, two-run double.

Lind made it 6-1 with an opposite field homer in the fifth, his 20th, extending his hitting streak to 10 games.

Red Sox shortstop Jed Lowrie, who was recalled from Triple-A Pawtucket before the game, hit his first homer of the year off Carlson in the seventh. Lowrie had not played since April 12 because of a sore wrist. He had surgery April 21.

Penny became the first Boston starter in eight games to allow more than three runs. The righty had not allowed more than three since giving up five against Texas on June 5.

Rolen made the defensive play of a game, a leaping catch on J.D. Drew's liner in the seventh.

Lowrie was charged with a two-base error in the eighth when he collided with third baseman Mike Lowell while chasing Lind's popup, knocking the ball out of Lowell's glove.

In Friday games:

Twins 5, Rangers 3: Carlos Gomez hit a game-tying, two-run triple off the base of the wall in left-center field in the second inning, sliding headfirst into third just before Michael Young applied the tag. Jason Kubel then hit a three-run homer in the third for the visiting Twins.

The Twins spoiled Josh Hamilton's first home game in more than six weeks. The All-Star center fielder had three hits and

drove in all three runs with a two-run homer and a single off Glen Perkins (5-5).

Perkins threw 102 pitches while allowing three runs over five innings. The left-hander beat the Rangers for the third straight time, having given up only two runs in 12 1/3 innings in his two starts against them last season.

All-Star closer Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his 24th save. The right-hander has thrown 20 2/3 scoreless innings over 22 appearances since May 21.

Kubel's 15th homer, following singles by Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau, made it 5-2 against Vicente Padilla (7-5).

Red Sox 4, Blue Jays 1: Kevin Youkilis hit a two-run homer and Clay Buchholz pitched 5 2/3 innings to earn his first major league victory in more than a year as visiting Boston won its fourth straight.

Called up from Triple-A Pawtucket, where he was 7-2 with a 2.36 ERA, Buchholz (1-0) made his first major league start since Aug. 20. The victory was his first since May 2, 2008.

Rookie Ricky Romero (7-4) lost for the first time in seven starts as Toronto lost its 13th in 16 games.

White Sox 12, Orioles 8: Jim Thome hit a grand slam and a three-run homer and drove in a career-high seven runs. With 14 RBIs in the past three games, Thome increased his total to 1,545 and passed

Harry Heilmann and Willie Stargell for 41st place on the career list.

Homers No. 556 and 557 pulled him within six of Reggie Jackson for 12th place on the career list.

Athletics 7, Angels 3: Rajai Davis scored the go-ahead run from first on an errant pickoff attempt as Oakland snapped a four-game home losing streak to Los Angeles. Joe Saunders walked Davis to start the sixth, then made a wild, high throw over first baseman Kendry Morales. Davis just beat the relay throw home.

Saunders (8-6) had a career-high six walks and the Angels had their four-game winning streak end.

Mariners 6, Indians 2: At Cleveland, Felix Hernandez allowed two runs in eight innings and Seattle's Franklin Gutierrez homered against his former team. Hernandez (10-3) allowed five hits, walking one and striking out eight. David Huff (4-4) allowed three runs and seven hits in five innings.

Rays 8, Royals 7: Evan Longoria and Pat Burrell hit two-run homers in consecutive innings for visiting Tampa Bay. Longoria, who missed Tuesday night's All-Star Game because of an infected finger, connected off Juan Cruz (3-3) in the eighth to give the Rays the lead. Burrell's fifth homer, off Jamey Wright in the seventh, cut Kansas City's lead to 7-6.

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MLB scoreboard

Los Angeles 2, Oakland 1.

LOB—Los Angeles 10, Oakland 9.

2B—O.Cabrera (18), Garciparrar (4), R.Davis (4).

HR—K.Morales (17), Crosby (4).

SB—J.Mathis (2) (2), H.Kendrick (8), Kennedy (10), O.Cabrera (8), R.Davis (12), M.Ellis (4).

S—Crosby, SF—K.Suzuki.

Los Angeles

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Los Angeles

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PB—J.Mathis. T—3:07. A—17,147 (35,067).

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West Division

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Friday's games

Chicago Cubs 3, Washington 1,

Pittsburgh 2, San Francisco 1, 14 innings

Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 0

Philadelphia 6, Florida 5, 12 innings

Atlanta 11, N.Y. Mets 0

St. Louis 6, Arizona 1

Los Angeles 5, San Diego 3

Houston 8, L.A. Dodgers 1

N.Y. Mets at Atlanta

Chicago Cubs at Washington

San Francisco at Pittsburgh

Milwaukee at Cincinnati

Philadelphia at Florida

Arizona at St. Louis

Colorado at San Diego

Houston at L.A. Dodgers

Sunday's games

Milwaukee (Gallardo 8-7) at Cincinnati (Cueto 8-6)

Philadelphia (Happ 6-0) at Florida (A.Miller 3-4)

Chicago Cubs (C.Hart 0-1) at Washington (Mock 0-2)

San Francisco (Cain 10-2) at Pittsburgh (Duke 8-4)

Arizona (V.Petit 0-3) at St. Louis (Lohse 4-5)

Colorado (Marquis 11-6) at San Diego (Houston (R.Ortiz 3-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 3-5)

N.Y. Mets (Nieve 3-3) at Atlanta (J.Vazquez 6-7)

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2B—Braun (20), HR—Encarnacion (2), SB—C.Hart (6), CS—Taveras (5), B.Phillips (7), S—Arroyo.

Rockies 5, Padres 3

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2B—Helton (28), Stewart (14), 3B—E.Cabrera (3), HR—Barnes (12), SB—Fowler (2), S—Geer.

Cardinals 6, Diamondbacks 1

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Whitsl lb

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Chavez p

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Totals

32

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Arizona

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St. Louis

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E—Rasmus (4), DP—Arizona 1, St. Louis 2.

LOB—Arizona 6, St. Louis 9.

HR—Trotter (6), Pujols 2 (34), Stavinoha (2), S—Thurston.

Pirates 2, Giants 1 (4)

San Francisco

ab

r

h

bi

Pittsburgh

ab

r

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bi

Rownd cf

6

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0

Winn rf-lf

6

1

1

0

Sandoval 3b

6

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2

0

BMolin c

5

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Renteri ss

5

0

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0

Urbie 2b

5

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0

0

Aurilia lb

5

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Torres lf

3

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Schrrlt ph-rf

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Lincm p

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Frndsn ph

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Romo p

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BWilsn p

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FLewis ph

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Howry p

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Totals

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San Francisco

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Pittsburgh

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HRBP—by C.Carpenier (C.Young). WP—Garland. T—2:35. A—44,781 (43,975).

Twins 5, Rangers 3

Minnesota

ab

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Texas

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bi

Span lf

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ACasili 2b

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Mauer c

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Mornea 1b

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Kubel dh

4

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Cuddyr rf

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Credle 3b

4

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Bharrs ss

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Unto ss

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Gomez cf

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Totals

34

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11

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Minnesota

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Texas

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E—Mauer (3), DP—Texas 4, LOB—Minnesota 3, Texas 7.

2B—Morneau (24), 3B—Gomez (4), HR—Kubel (15), Hamilton (7), SB—Kinsler (19), M.Young (6), Hamilton (5).

Red Sox 4, Blue Jays 1

Boston

ab

r

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Toronto

ab

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bi

J.Drew rf

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Pedroia 2b

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Youkils 1b

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D.Ortiz dh

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Bay lf

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Lowe 3b

4

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Varitek c

2

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Baldelli cf

4

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NGreen ss

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Totals

32

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6

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Boston

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Toronto

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E—Lowell (9), DP—Boston 1, Toronto 1.

LOB—Boston 6, Toronto 7.

2B—D.Ortiz (20), Lind (28), Rolen (27), Overbay (19), HR—Youkils (17), SF—Rios.

Yankees 5, Tigers 3

Detroit

ab

r

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bi

New York

ab

r

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bi

Grndrs cf

4

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2

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Polanc 2b

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MCCarr lf

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Thad 1b

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Thoms rf

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Inge 3b

4

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JAndrs lf

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Laird c

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Everett ss

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Santiag ph-ss

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Totals

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Detroit

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New York

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E—Inge (11), J.Anderson (2), Thomas (2), A.Burnett (2), DP—Detroit 1, New York 2.

LOB—Detroit 10, New York 11.

2B—Granderson (10), Franco (10), Damon (20), Posada (11), Cano (25), HR—Granderson (19), Teixeira (22), SB—J.Anderson (13).

White Sox 12, Orioles 8

Baltimore

ab

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Chicago

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BRorts rf

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Markks rf

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Adams cf

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A.Huff lb

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Scott dh

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Mora 3b

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Reimld lf

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Witters c

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Cltztrs ss

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Totals

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Baltimore

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Chicago

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E—C.Izturis (6), Berken (1), Getz (7), A.Ramirez (11), DP—Baltimore 1, LOB—Baltimore 11.

Chicago 9, 2B—B.Roberts (30), Markakis (28), A.Huff (19), Mora (10), Reimold (6), C.Izturis (6), Dye (16), Getz (2) (16), Beckham (9), HR—Markakis (9), Ad.Jones (13), Thome 2 (16), Konerko (17), SB—Podsednik (14), SF—A.Ramirez 2.

Mariners 6, Indians 2

Seattle

ab

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bi

Cleveland

ab

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bi

ISuzuki rf

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Branny 1b

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JoLopz 2b

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Grffylr dh

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FGtrrz cf

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Lngrhn lf

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RJhns c

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1

Hannhn 3b

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Cedeno ss

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Totals

37

6

11

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Seattle

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Cleveland

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E—Gutierrez (4), Vera (1), DP—Seattle 1, Cleveland 2.

LOB—Seattle 8, Cleveland 3.

2B—JoLopez 2 (20), Langerhans (6), Ro.Johnson (13), Sizemore (15), 3B—Sizemore (4), HR—F.Gutierrez (11), SB—Hannahan (1), SF—A.Cabrera.

Rays 8, Royals 7

Tampa Bay

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Kansas City

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NL roundup

Braves beat Mets in Maddux tribute

Former ace of staff has his No. 31 retired; Atlanta stages offensive show vs. New York

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Braves inducted Greg Maddux into the team's Hall of Fame and retired his number.

Then the Braves really paid tribute to the four-time Cy Young Award winner: They held the New York Mets to two hits in an 11-0 victory Friday night.

Jair Jurrjens combined with three relievers on the shutout and Brian McCann drove in four runs in the first three innings.

Jurrjens (8-7) gave up both hits and two walks in six innings after a pregame ceremony in which the Braves retired the No. 31 worn by Maddux. Boone Logan, Luis Valdez and Kris Medlen each pitched an inning after Jurrjens left.

"It was one of the best nights I've ever spent at this ballpark," Braves manager Bobby Cox said.

Maddux was the sixth Braves player to have his number retired by the team.

"I think it was a special night for everybody in Atlanta," Jurrjens said. "He did a lot of great things for this city and I think everybody wanted to come out with a bang, to make it more special."

McCann and Yunel Escobar each had three hits for Atlanta, and Escobar had three RBIs.

The slumping Mets lost Gary Sheffield to a hamstring injury in the fifth inning. Sheffield grabbed the back of his right thigh after catching up to a double hit by Escobar in the fifth inning. He dropped the ball and leaned over while center fielder Angel Pagan threw the ball back to the infield.

"When I got ready to throw the ball, that's when I felt it grab," Sheffield said.

The Mets were without outfielders Carlos Beltran and Fernando Martinez, first baseman Carlos Delgado, shortstop Jose Reyes, and pitchers John Maine, J.J. Putz and Billy Wagner due to injuries.

New York was shut out for the sixth time in 22 games since Beltran went on the disabled list. The Mets are 8-14 and have scored a major league-low 68 runs in that span.

Mike Pelfrey (7-5) gave up nine hits and nine runs in 4 1/3 innings.

"I felt bad for everybody playing behind me," Pelfrey said. "It's embarrassing."

McCann hit a two-run double in the first and a two-run homer in the third as the Braves led 10-0 after five innings. Martin Prado homered in the third.

Rockies 5, Padres 3: Ubaldo Jimenez struck out 10 and allowed three hits in seven innings for visiting Colorado. Clint Barmes homered for the second straight game for the Rockies, who are 29-9 since June 4.

Jimenez (7-9) allowed three runs and walked four. Huston Street pitched a perfect ninth for his 23rd save.

Josh Geer (1-5) allowed five runs and seven hits in four-plus innings for San Diego, which is a major league-worst 11-29 since June 1.

Pirates 2, Giants 1 (14): Garrett Jones' homer in the 14th inning, his second of the night and fifth in four games, ended Pittsburgh's four-game losing streak. The host Pirates hadn't scored since Jones' two-out homer in the first off Tim Lincecum. He drove Bob Howry's second pitch of the 14th over the right-field stands. Jones has seven homers in 12 games since being recalled from the minors.

Phillies 6, Marlins 5 (12): Chase Utley hit



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Former Atlanta Braves pitcher Greg Maddux waves to the crowd during a ceremony Friday night to retire his No. 31.

a tiebreaking RBI single in the top of the 12th as Philadelphia extended its winning streak to seven. The Phils were up 4-1 when Cole Hamels left after a rain delay of 78 minutes midway through the sixth inning. The bullpen blew the lead, then escaped several jams in the final innings.

Reds 4, Brewers 0: Bronson Arroyo (10-8) allowed five hits over seven innings and Edwin Encarnacion had four hits for host Cincinnati. Encarnacion matched his career high for hits, which included a solo homer, and made him 7-for-7 in the first two games of the series. Since returning from a broken wrist, the third baseman is batting .385 with three homers in 12 games.

Cubs 3, Nationals 1: Carlos Zambrano worked five innings after a shaky start and hit a key two-run double for visiting Chicago. Zambrano (6-4) gave up an unearned run and four singles to win his second consecutive start after going 0-2 in his previous six outings. Kevin Gregg went one inning for his 17th save.

Washington fell to 0-2 under interim manager Jim Riggleman, who took over when Manny Acta was fired Monday. Nyjer Morgan had three hits for the Nationals, who have lost eight of nine to lower their major league-worst record to 26-63.

Aramis Ramirez homered off Washington's Craig Stammen (2-5).

Pujols' homers foil Ariz. strategy

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Arizona starter Jon Garland had Albert Pujols where he wanted him Friday night, leading off two innings with no one to drive in.

But Pujols still managed to do all the damage he could and his two solo homers were enough to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 6-1 victory over the Diamondbacks.

The multi-homer game was the eighth this season for Pujols, who leads the majors with 34 homers and 89 RBIs. He has 31 multi-homer games in his career.

"I had him in the situation that I wanted every time," Garland said. "Nobody on, leading off innings and he caught me. What are you going to do?"

Pujols spent Wednesday and Thursday resting after being the face of the All-Star Game earlier in the week, and was ready to get back to work.

"I felt good," Pujols said. "Obviously, a couple of days off, you can't go wrong. But you can't think about that. Your main focus is to make sure you're ready to go."

Chris Carpenter (8-3) blanked the Diamondbacks over eight innings, allowing seven hits and striking out seven.

"Early on, I left some balls in the middle of the plate that they hit," Carpenter said. "But I felt like I got better."

"It goes to show what a competitor he is," St. Louis manager Tony La Russa said.

Miguel Montero homered off reliever Jason Motte for Arizona's only run.

Ryan Ludwick drove in two runs and extended his hitting streak to 10 games with a two-run single, and Nick Stavinoha hit a two-run pinch homer for St. Louis. Yadier Molina matched a career high with four hits, all singles.

Pujols, who struck out in his first at-bat, led off the fourth against Garland (5-9) by hitting a pitch 386 feet into the Cardinals' bullpen in right.

When Pujols came up to lead off the sixth, Garland appeared as though he would pitch around him, with his first three pitches out of the strike zone. But Garland threw his next one over the plate and Pujols swatted it 435 feet off the facade of the upper deck in left field.

The Diamondbacks took no chances an inning later, as reliever Scott Schoeneweis intentionally walked Pujols with two outs and runners on first and third to load the bases. That backfired when Ludwick dumped a single to right off reliever Esmerling Vasquez to make it 4-0.

Pujols had one more chance in the eighth inning but fled to left against Clay Zavada.

Dodgers have no answer for Oswalt

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Roy Oswalt made the most of his six days off between starts — and a lot of early run support.

Oswalt continued his dominance over NL West teams with a four-hitter in his first outing after the All-Star break, leading the Houston Astros to an 8-1 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday night. Batterymate Ivan Rodriguez had a homer among his four hits and Miguel Tejada also connected.

First baseman Lance Berkman, who leads Houston with 18 homers, didn't start because of a mild strain of his left calf. But the Astros didn't miss him, staking Oswalt to a 7-0 lead and winning for the seventh time in nine games at Dodger Stadium.

"Roy was unbelievable. His fastball was exploding big-time," Rodriguez said. "When you pitch with a big lead, you're always

going to try to attack every hitter and try to get as many outs on as few pitches as you can. And that's what he did."

Oswalt (6-4) threw 105 pitches en route to his 16th complete game in 261 career starts and third this season. He struck out five and walked none. Oswalt is 12-0 with a 2.13 ERA in his past 13 starts against the NL West, and is 36-12 against that division during his career.

"They've got a good lineup, so the biggest thing is to keep them off balance and try to get them out in front and make them lean out off the plate," Oswalt said. "You also don't want to walk guys. They've got guys who can hit the ball out of the park, so you don't want to put anyone on and allow them to have a big inning."

The Astros, a season-worst nine games out of first place on May 31, are three games behind

NL Central-leading St. Louis following their 14th victory in 20 games.

"We're playing pretty good baseball right now," left fielder Carlos Lee said. "We've been flying under the radar, and it's better to stay that way and kind of sneak through teams."

Since May 29, the Astros are 28-16 and the Dodgers are 22-19. Los Angeles still owns the best record in the majors at 56-33, with a 6 1/2-game lead over San Francisco.

"We've had very few of these games, where a ballclub just manhandled us," manager Joe Torre said. "If we're going to be a first-place team, we're going to have to shrug off this stuff. Right now we're not scoring runs, and tonight we didn't get good starting pitching."

Torre, whose relief corps has pitched a major league-high 312 1/3 innings, was forced to go to his bullpen with two outs in

the second after Chad Billingsley (9-5) gave up hits to nine of the 14 batters he faced and left with a 6-0 deficit. The All-Star right-hander is 0-2 with a 6.55 ERA in his past six starts.

"He's a great pitcher, but he just had a bad night," Rodriguez said. "He got behind in the count a lot of times and his breaking ball wasn't working very well. He was just bouncing it in the dirt, so we basically were just sitting on the fastball. And every time he threw it, we were right on it."

Tejada homered to left-center with two outs in the first, his eighth of the season. Hunter Pence added a two-run double and Rodriguez singled home the fourth run. Geoff Blum knocked Billingsley out of the game with a two-run double.

Rodriguez led off the third against Jeff Weaver with his eighth homer to make it 7-0.

SPORTS

Yankees' Sabathia comes
out the winner against
Tigers' Verlander, Page 29**BRITISH OPEN: TURNBERRY**

Tom's still terrific



ALASTAIR GRANT/AP

Tom Watson exults after holing a 30-foot putt at No. 16 during the third round at Turnberry on Saturday. Watson shot a 1-over 71 for a one-shot lead.

Watson drains a 30-foot putt at No. 16 and takes sole possession of the lead at Turnberry. At 59, the five-time Open champion is only 18 holes away from making history.

By DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

TURNBERRY, Scotland — Tom Watson took three practice swings without a club in his hand, then looked toward the green and pictured the shot he needed to play.

Standing on the edge of the fairway, a marshal who had seen Watson, 59, work his magic at Turnberry for three decades whispered in his thick brogue, lost in time as he watched a five-time champion leading the British Open.

"What are you going to do, Tom?" he said. "Cut a wee 7-iron in there? Throw an 8-iron into the air?"

Then shaking his head with a smile, he added in his Scottish brogue, "Fantastic story, aye?"

Watson is turning this British Open into a fairy tale.

Even as he slipped out of the lead Saturday in the testing breeze off the Firth of Clyde, Watson didn't blink except to hold back the occasional tears. He is close enough to the claret jug to believe he can win again.

A 30-foot birdie putt on the 16th gave him a share of the lead.

Then came a hybrid 2-iron that took a bounce to the left and onto the green, setting up another birdie.

When he walked up the 18th fairway, his name atop the massive yellow leaderboard, Watson was on his way to a 1-over 71 and a one-shot lead, leaving him 18 holes away from becoming the oldest champion of a major in history.

Can this really happen? Even Watson wasn't sure early in the week.

Now, those doubts have morphed

into determination. "The first day here, 'Yeah, let the old geezer have his day in the sun,'" Watson said.

"The second day you said, 'Well, that's OK.' And now today, you kind of perk up your ears and say, 'This old geezer might have a chance to win the tournament.' I don't know what's going to happen, but I do know one thing. I feel good about what I did today. I feel good about my game plan.

"And who knows?" he said. "It might happen."

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